



COUNCILLORS IN BABY UNIT VOW

Report by Jonny Drury

THE four Shropshire Councillors serving Oswestry have pledged to do all they can to save the town's maternity unit.

Ahead of a protest march this weekend they have united to sound a no-nonsense message to health bosses that the maternity unit must be retained.

The decision to close Oswestry, Ludlow and Bridgnorth midwife led maternity units for up to six months was taken by the board of Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust (SATH) on Thursday last week.

SATH has said sickness and a significant fall in the number of midwives prepared to work overtime or temporary bank shifts to cover shifts has made it difficult to fully staff its maternity sites. Deirdre Fowler, director of nursing, midwifery and quality, said the demands on the consultant led unit at Telford's Princess Royal Hospital have meant more staff are needed at the hospital.

Campaigners have arranged for a protest march against the closure. That will take place on Sunday with campaigners gathering on the Bailey Head in Oswestry at 10.30am. They will walk to the maternity unit, which is based at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital. The town's Shropshire Councillors have criticised the closure. Councillor John Price said: "I think it is absolutely barbaric, it is ridiculous we think we can play God with people's lives. I will be doing all I can as a councillor to safeguard our health services."

Councillor Vince Hunt, who is also Oswestry's mayor, said: "My blunt message to the health bosses is that we pay you, you work for us and we don't want our children born on the side of the road because you can't manage to staff a unit or want to close one down."

Councillor Paul Milner said: "We were given reassurances this would not happen a few months ago, so to hear it could close for up to six months is hugely disappointing. We are the second biggest town in Shropshire and we deserve to have a maternity unit close by, not everyone can travel to see a midwife. I will be doing everything I can as a Shropshire Councillor to prevent this from happening, it is so important to our town."

Councillor Clare Aspinall said: "A lot can change in labour and going all that way is far too risky, especially as we are not flush with motorways or dual carriageways."

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'Bigger and better' festival inspires students



Leading scientist Lord Robert Winston chats to youngsters during his visit to The Marches School in Oswestry. Photo: Alan Evans.

ORGANISERS of The Marches School's Festival of Education say they are delighted with the success of the event.

Renowned professor Lord Robert Winston and Olympic sprinter Darren Campbell were among top names who spoke at the annual festival in Oswestry.

Lord Winston, who pioneered gynaecological surgical techniques that improved fertility treatment in the 1970s, spoke to students and

teachers from all over Shropshire and wider afield. The acclaimed academic praised the festival and said he hoped the young people would be influenced by what they learned and heard at the event.

Youngsters also listened intently when Darren Campbell spoke about his career on the track and he too praised the festival, saying he hoped youngsters would be inspired.

He was just one of a string of high-profile

names that were attracted to this year's festival.

Executive headteacher Sarah Longville was delighted with the line-up and the work the staff and students had done to make the event a success. She added: "It is bigger and better than last year, and is a special experience with some renowned speakers and it is fantastic we can attract them here."

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COMMUNITY

Volunteers day to be held to help groups

A COMMUNITY volunteers day will be held in Welshpool on Saturday.

The event has been organised for charities and voluntary groups to explain the work they do and for anyone who is considering volunteering to find out what is going on in and around the town.

It will be hosted by Welshpool Town Council and held at the Corn Exchange in the Town Hall from 9.30am until midday.

EMERGENCY

Stranded teen rescued from cliff

A TEENAGER had to be rescued by firefighters after getting stuck on a cliff.

The rescue happened just before 10pm on Sunday at the Llanymynech rocks. The 16-year-old was stranded on the cliffs, unable to go up or down.

Fire crews from Oswestry, Welshpool and Shrewsbury went to the scene along with police. The boy was treated by the ambulance service.

AWARD

Prestigious honour for knife campaign

OSWESTRY'S Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife campaign has jointly won a major international peace award.

The campaign by the British Ironwork Centre has included the building of a huge Knife Angel made from 100,000 weapons. The campaign and the Médecins Sans Frontières charity were jointly awarded the Rotary International Peace Award at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod's opening concert on Monday.

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Study on council homes sell-off has been completed

Report by Dominic Robertson

EXPERTS have completed a secret study on selling 4,200 council homes in Shropshire, including in Oswestry.

They have made confidential recommendations over the disposal of housing stock, which could potentially raise tens of millions for Shropshire Council.

Any sale would mean the transfer of council tenants to private landlords or a housing association. Estate agent Savills has provided the council with options for a sale, but the findings of its report are not being made known.

The stock amounts to about 4,200 homes in Bridgnorth and Oswestry, which are currently managed by Star Housing, an arms-length management organisation set up by Shropshire Council. Any sale would contribute towards a target the council has set of raising £50 million by selling assets.

Councillor Lee Chapman, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for health and adult social care, said the report is being reviewed and that any recommendation would go before the authority's cabinet. He also said the priority is to make sure Shropshire's housing is "fit for the future".

He added: "Earlier this year we commissioned Savills to carry out an assessment and produce options on our behalf with regards to the housing stock we own."

"It is really important that the county's housing is fit for the future and this was the main driver behind getting Savills in to assess what we have."

"A report which outlines their recommendations is now complete. No decisions have yet been made and, at this moment in time, we are simply exploring the options the report proposes. The report will be subject to a formal decision making process, which will include consideration by cabinet in the near future."

Former council leader Malcolm Pate, who was replaced by Councillor Peter Nutting in May, said the authority's financial predicament meant it was looking at all options. But he added: "People should not read too much into me saying that."

Appeal made for more female firefighters



Some of the women who turned out for the firefighting taster session which was held at Oswestry Fire Station

SHROPSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service is appealing for potential women firefighters to step forward after a successful taster session in Oswestry.

Women interested in a career as a firefighter attended a taster session at Oswestry Fire Station.

They toured the station, checked out the equipment aboard fire appliances, tried on fire kits and experienced wearing breathing apparatus. Female firefighters from around the country spoke to potential recruits, with

Shropshire currently having 26 women firefighters, eight in full time roles, and 18 on call around the rural stations. However, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service wants to encourage more to join what is often seen as a male career.

Watch manager Phil Davies said: "It was a very successful event attended by eight women who were interested in joining the fire service at various stations across the county." The session covered training, development and support and promotion

opportunities in a career as an on-call firefighter. It also detailed the wide variety of incidents attended by firefighters including fires, floods, road traffic crashes, animal rescues and building collapses.

Other duties include fire safety education in schools and the home and attending community events to reduce fires and injuries, as well as charitable work. Mr Davies added: "There is a sense of achievement, confidence building and new friendships they gain when joining the fire service."

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Statue is coming in under its set budget

A STATUE commissioned by Oswestry Town Council to commemorate one of the town's most famous sons is coming in under budget.

The council agreed in April to commission a statue of Wilfred Owen for siting in Cae Glas Park and a cost of £40,000.

At the latest amenities committee, town councillors were informed of an update on the work, and that it was currently coming in under budget.

The council entered into a contract with local artist and sculptor Timothy Guy Turner for the modelling of the statue of Wilfred Owen, at a cost of £8,000.

The statue will be unveiled in the park in 2018, on the birthday of the poet and soldier.

Castle Fine Arts Foundry, Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant has been appointed to mould on site in Tim Turner's studio, cast and finish a life size sculpture measuring 6ft tall.

Originally the council had set a budget for £40,000 for the work, but on current costs the work will be coming in at £27,000, making the council a saving of £13,000.

Councillor Paul Milner said the project is looking good, and the significant saving is a bonus.

He said: "It is all looking good, it is a great thing for the town, and will be in place for 2018.

"In the the current financial climate a saving like this is a bonus.

"The project is going well and there will be more information the more it goes on."

The decision on the statue was taken to recognise the opportunity to provide a legacy for the town and to commemorate Wilfred Owen, particularly acknowledging the centenary of the end of the Great War in 2018 and the 100 years since the death of Wilfred Owen on November 4, 2018. The area where the statue will be sited needs to be finalised. At this stage it is suggested the most suitable location will be the garden where the twenty five pounder gun is located.

Family flees to safety after fire hits home

Report by Sue Austin

A FAMILY had to flee over fields when a fire engulfed their home.

The central heating oil tank at the house in Trefonen exploded, sending flames shooting across the driveway.

Marcia and Paul Woddy ran to their children, sleeping upstairs, and got everyone outside, where they then had to escape from the garden by going across fields to safety.

As they salvaged what little they could from the house, badly damaged in the blaze, the couple praised the fire service and the local community for their help.

Mrs Woddy said: "We were watching television and we heard an explosion. We saw the smoke and flames reflected in the car outside and knew immediately what had happened. We ran upstairs and got the children and managed to get out. I grabbed my phone to ring 999."

Once in the garden she said they realised they could not get out onto the lane through the drive. "We had to go across the fields at the back of the house," she said.

Neighbours who also heard the explosion ran to help the family and took in the couple's son and daughter, aged six and 10.

It took just 10 minutes for the first fire crew to arrive at the scene from Oswestry. They were joined by crews from Ellesmere and Baschurch.

"It was only 10 minutes but it felt like 10 hours," Mrs Woddy said.

The explosion happened at about 10pm on Sunday at the house in Old Post Office Lane. Firefighters had to put on breathing apparatus to fight the flames and successfully stopped the fire from spreading to neighbouring homes.

She added: "We were worried about one of our elderly neighbours but he had been able to get out." Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service said the blaze spread to the roof of the house, which was destroyed. Mrs Woddy said: "The firefighters were brilliant and the Red Cross vehicle which also attends fires also arrived to offer us any help. We were lucky that we had friends and neighbours looking after us but it is a wonderful service that I didn't know about."



The extensive damage to the family home in Trefonen is clear to see in the cold light of day

Murder accused appears in court

A MAN has appeared in crown court accused of murdering a man who was found dead in a roadside diner.

Belkar Singh, 58, of Booth Street, Birmingham, has been charged with the murder of 67-year-old Satnam Singh Blugher, known locally as "Mr B".

During his brief appearance at Stafford Crown Court on Monday wearing grey trousers and a grey

jumper, he spoke through an interpreter only to confirm his name.

Singh was remanded in custody by the court.

He will next appear at the court on September 15 where he will be asked to enter a plea.

A murder investigation was launched after Mr Blugher was found with serious injuries at Tony's Diner on the A458 at Halfway House

between Welshpool and Shrewsbury at about 4.40pm on Monday last week.

He was discovered at the diner by paramedics following a 999 call.

Police were called and launched a murder inquiry.

An inquest was due to open into the death of Mr Blugher at Shrewsbury's Shirehall on Tuesday this week.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man is airlifted after factory fall

A MAN was airlifted to hospital after falling through a roof at wood panels factory Kronospan.

The contractor, who had not been named, was working at the site, in Holyhead Road, Chirk, when the incident happened at about 3pm on Monday.

In a statement Kronospan said: "Unfortunately a contractor working at the factory had an accident while working at height. Welsh Air Ambulance have taken him to hospital, and his company are making sure that he and his family are fully supported at this difficult time.

"We are obviously extremely concerned as to how this has happened and our health and safety manager is working closely with the relevant authorities to establish the facts."

Welsh Ambulance Service spokesman Liam Randall said the Wales Air Ambulance and two crews in emergency ambulances attended.

Woman is found dead at aqueduct

A WOMAN found near the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct has died.

Police and ambulance crews went to the area, near Oswestry, following reports that a woman had been seen there.

North Wales Police said a female body was found by emergency services at 2.48pm on Monday.

A police spokesman said: "The woman, who is believed to be from the South Wales area, has yet to be identified and an investigation is underway to establish the circumstances.

"At this time the death is not being treated as suspicious."

Air ambulance is called to incident

AN air ambulance attended an incident in Chirk on Tuesday after a woman fell into the road.

Wales Ambulance Service was called at 3.20pm after reports had fallen into the road outside Ysgol Y Waun on Chapel Street.

The Wales Air Ambulance and a land ambulance attended the scene.

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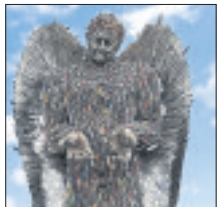
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The Knife Angel

Peace award is 'incredible honour'

THE chairman of Oswestry's British Ironwork Centre has said the awarding of an international peace prize to the firm's Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife project is an "incredible honour".

Clive Knowles was speaking after the project, which included

the building of a huge Knife Angel made of 100,000 confiscated and donated blades, was jointly awarded the Rotary International Peace Award along with Médecins Sans Frontières.

The prize was awarded at the Llangollen International Musical

Eisteddfod's opening concert on Monday. Mr Knowles said: "It is an incredible honour to be awarded the Rotary International Peace Award alongside an internationally renowned organisation such as Médecins Sans Frontières. The next stage of our project is to ensure that

the monument fulfils its destiny by being placed on the 4th plinth in Trafalgar Square. We have launched a petition for this and urge as many people as possible to sign it so that can become a focal point in raising awareness of the scourge of knife crime on our streets."

Food and drink festival offers tasty treats again

Report by Jonny Drury

THE ever-popular Oswestry Food and Drink Festival is back for its 11th year – and once again, entry is free and takes place in the heart of Oswestry town centre.

The very best specialist food and drink exhibitors from the region will be baking and brewing to bring their delicious wares to the town across the weekend of July 15-16.

The streets will be alive with aromas of Japanese, Spanish, African, Caribbean, Thai, Malaysian, Indian, and Spanish cooking. Plus they are showcasing the pick of local food from sausages to pies, crepes and hot sauces. For the sweet of tooth, there's cakes and fancies galore.

Horse rustlers warning issued

HORSE rustlers could be operating in the Oswestry area.

Police say a resident of Treflach just outside the town has reported suspicious activity at their property over the last few nights including torchlights seen in the stable area.

The West Mercia Police Horse Watch group said that a horse had also had a hand plait put in its mane, thought to be a signal from one member of a gang to another.

In a warning on social media, the Horse Watch officer said: "A suspicious vehicle has also been sighted at the property on two occasions. It is described as a silver or white Mitsubishi pick up, registration DS07 LKN. The numberplate is registered to a black vehicle with no current keeper." A male seen driving it is described as 'oldish, fat and wearing braces'.

There are award-winning ciders and ales from both sides of the border, not to mention cocktails, liqueurs and wines from near and far too. There's even a Cambrian Beer Festival down at the station across the weekend. As well as the fabulous food and drink, there'll be live music and other activities throughout to entertain. On July 16, there'll be Reggae in the Park for those who just want to chill with their festival goodies to some great music.

"We're really looking forward to the weekend," said festival director, John Waite. "We have our festival favourites that visitors love to see every year, to stock up on tasty treats, plus specialist exhibitors introducing themselves to an Oswestry audience for the first time. The festival is brought through the partnership of Oswestry Town Council and Oswestry Food Festival. For more information and a list of exhibitors, visit www.oswestryfoodfestival.co.uk or follow their page on Facebook.

Eisteddfod off to tuneful start



The opening concert at this year's Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod THE world number one brass band and four formidable male voice joined forces on Monday to provide a rousing opening for the Llangollen Eisteddfod's 70th anniversary festival.

The Cory Brass Band joined forces with the Colne Valley, Canoldir, Froncysyllte and Rhosllanerchrugog male voice choirs and euphonium soloist, David Childs, under the leadership of acclaimed conductor Owain Arwel Hughes CBE.

International Voice of the Future 2015 winner, Meinir Wyn Roberts, also took to the stage with the impressive line-up for the landmark opening concert.

Monday night's opening concert marked the start of a week of music and fun and performances from artists as diverse as Sir Bryn Terfel, Gregory Porter, The Overtones, Manic Street Preachers, Reverend and The Makers and BBC Radio 1 DJ, Huw Stephens.

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Care home inadequate and placed in special measures

Report by Jonny Drury

A CARE home rated as inadequate was found to have ants on a dining table and had suffered from a lack of leadership.

A damning report into Meadowbrook Care Home in Gobowen, near Oswestry, was published by the Care Quality Commission, following an unannounced inspection on April 4 and 5.

Problems with staffing, a level of care and the leadership of the home has led to it being placed in special measures. The commission identified breaches of the health and social care act, and said no improvements had been made following a previous inspection on September.

Fire leads to problems with phones

A FIRE at a telephone exchange caused phone connection issues and problems with cash machines.

Firefighters were called to the telephone exchange in Welsh Walls, Oswestry.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service said the blaze, before 8am on Sunday, involved two battery packs and the packs were removed and the property ventilated.

Afterwards, there was a flurry of comments on Twitter regarding issues with phone lines, broadband, cash machines and card payment machines.

Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen posted: "Phone lines in and out of the hospital currently down - we understand this is due to a fire at Oswestry Phone Exchange."

Other people complained about mobile phone connection issues in Oswestry.

Peter Morgan tweeted: "No phone/broadband or mobile service on any network in Oswestry area." Others experienced issues with trying to withdraw cash from machines and using card payment machines in shops in Oswestry town centre. Matthew Grice posted on Twitter: "What's going on with the service in Oswestry? Whole town has gone out including ATMs and card payments."

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Freewheelers gear up for ride



Cyclists Naomi Winn, Caroline Pemberton, Geraint Davies, Ellen Harrison and Gill Cribb

A TEAM of staff from Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital are preparing to take part in a gruelling 100-mile bike ride to raise funds towards oncology research at the hospital.

Six members of the Sarcoma Tumour Team - known collectively as the Oswestry Sarcoma Freewheelers - will join thousands of other cyclists across the country to take part in Ride London 2017 on July 30.

The ride will start in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, before riders follow a 100-mile route on closed roads through the capital and into Surrey's countryside.

With climbs that will test the most able of riders, it is a spectacular event for all involved, made all the more special by the fact

that the Freewheelers will be raising funds for the Orthopaedic Institute Oncology Fund, who support research into sarcomas.

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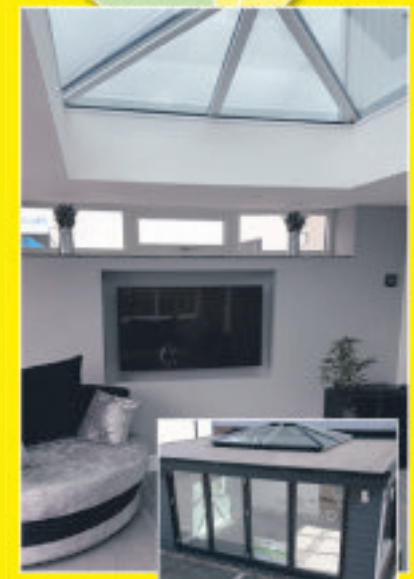
The team are aiming to raise £2,000.

Caroline Pemberton, clinical nurse specialist from the Sarcoma Tumour Team, said her and her colleagues were "excited" to take on the challenge.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Thoughtless motorists are putting lives at risk in Welshpool. Someone has to take some action and there is surely a simple solution. Retained firefighters responding to calls are finding their way into the station blocked by motorists who are ignoring the yellow box painted on the road, particularly at peak times when traffic queues back from the town centre traffic lights. And just as they are being blocked on the way into the station they are finding delays getting the engines out of the building.

While a solution has to be found I do have some sympathy for the motorists. When queuing it's easy to get sucked into the situation with no warning that you are approaching the box junction, and then it's too late and your exit is blocked. Warning signs would surely help drivers be more aware of the problems they are causing. Hats off to Welshpool Town Council for raising the issue and starting the process of finding a solution. Crucial seconds lost by firefighters on their route to incidents could have catastrophic repercussions.

Many candidates won seats at the recent Powys County Council elections on promises of changing some of the controversial decisions made by the out-going cabinet. It's not really that simple of course but it is beginning to look likely that some will prove true to their word.

The council's new portfolio holder for waste and recycling is Phyl Davies and he has already ordered a complete review of the decision to reduce opening times at household waste sites to three days. It's unlikely the review will mean a return to seven-day opening but there must surely be room for a sensible compromise, particularly when it comes to the type of vehicle allowed entry. On top of that Liam Fitzpatrick, who is portfolio holder for highways, wants to review a decision taken to introduce parking charges at Llanfair Caereinion – though how and why Llanfair should be treated any differently to other towns in the county is beyond me. There is also a view being expressed that parking charges should be scrapped.

We all want to pay less and get more for our money but the reality is a little different.

Unless new revenue streams can be created and more efficiencies found the only way to keep services at the levels being demanded by the public will be through increasing council tax – now that won't be a popular decision.



Smokers are now used to taking their habit outside



Smoking in pubs was banned 10 years ago



Alan Thwaites – ban has been a good thing

Ten years since law that smoked out the smokers

It is 10 years since smoking was banned from pubs. Has it been a good thing? MARK ANDREWS reports

DAVID Moss remembers how a visit to his pub used to mean making your way through a haze of cigarette smoke.

"I remember when you used to come in here, and you couldn't see the back of the pub, the fog of the smoke was so thick," he says.

It is 10 years today since England became the last part of the UK to ban smoking in workplaces and enclosed public spaces, which made it illegal to smoke inside a pub.

But for Mr Moss, who has kept Shropshire's first non-smoking pub, the Three Fishes in Shrewsbury for 13 years, it seems hard to believe that a decade ago people would consider it normal to smoke in the bar.

"I always think it strange when I watch old television programmes, how strange it seems to see somebody lighting up in a pub, and then you think, it was only 10 years ago that you could do that," he says.

The Three Fishes was one of just a handful of pubs in the UK to ban smoking when landlord John Sims introduced his own ban back in 1994.

Mr Moss took over 10 years later, saying he only took on the pub because it was smoke free.

"It used to smell terrible when people smoked in pubs," he says.

By the time the smoking ban came into force in 2007, a number of pubs had already introduced their own bans.



Pioneers – the Three Fishes in Shrewsbury banned smoking back in 1994

In 2004, Rio Wine Bar in Oswestry followed the Three Fishes' lead, introducing its own ban following a referendum of customers. By 2006, the J D Wetherspoon chain had banned smoking at all of its pubs.

The ban was introduced to reduce the risk of exposure to other people's smoke, which is known to be a cause cancer.

Like many local authorities, Telford & Wrekin Council had its own enforcement team, which went around ensuring that both smokers and businesses themselves were complying with the regulations.

The officers, dubbed "the boys in blue" because of their sky-blue polo shirts, could issue £50 spot fines to anybody caught smoking where they

shouldn't be, while businesses faced charges of up to £2,500 if they permitted people to smoke inside their buildings. The officers also checked that business premises were displaying the correct non-smoking signs.

Ian Mercer, who as environmental health team manager was one of the "smoking police" patrolling Ironbridge on the day the ban came in, said Telford adopted a "three strikes and you're out" approach.

"Firstly we will be advising if they are not in compliance with the legislation, secondly they might get an official caution if they continue not to comply, and thirdly legal action through a fixed penalty or a trip to the magistrates court," he said at the time.

It wasn't just pubs. The laws also

applied to factories, offices, warehouses, and more controversially, company cars and vans.

Many welcomed the cleaner air and the health benefits following the ban coming into force.

But there were also fears for what it would mean for the traditional English pub and also what the future held for bingo halls where half of customers were believed to be smokers.

There is no doubt the pub industry has been hit hard during the past decade. Last year, it was estimated the number of pubs across the UK fell from 58,200 in 2006 to just 48,000 in 2016.

But while the smoking ban has been blamed by some for deterring smokers from going for a drink, it's unclear how much of an impact it had with many other reasons also cited for venues shutting their doors.

Options

Cheap supermarket booze and breweries selling off unprofitable venues are said to be among the other factors that have contributed to the decline.

Many pubs have been able to still attract smokers by providing shelters in beer gardens and more al fresco dining and drinking options such as outside bars.

Alan Thwaites, secretary of the Bridgnorth branch of the Campaign for Real Ale, says he is personally all in favour of the ban, although he can sympathise with the businesses that have suffered as a result.

"From a personal point of view, I think it is absolutely first rate," he says.

"It's made life so much more pleasant for a confirmed non-smoker like myself. I know a lot of people and businesses are feeling the pinch, but for the great majority it has been a good thing."

WORKING FOR YOU



The dominating issue in British politics as I write this column is the Queen's Speech, together with its implications. This Queen's Speech is the Government's programme of legislation over the next two years. If any Queen's Speech is voted down, it would, in effect, be a vote of 'no confidence' in the government and would almost certainly lead to another general election. I do not believe this would be welcomed by most of the public. Because the Government does not have a majority, its legislative programme is different from that it would have been if it did.

One consequence of being a 'minority government' is the need for an agreement with another party. In 2010, the Conservatives (led at the time by David Cameron) formed a full-on coalition with the Liberal Democrats. I thought it was successful, and I would have been content if such an arrangement could have been repeated. But the Liberal Democrats, despite being big supporters of 'proportional representation' made it clear they were not interested in a coalition with any party. The only party that were interested were the Democratic Unionist Party. Fact was that the only realistic option before the Government was what is known as a 'Confidence and Supply' agreement, where the 10 DUP MPs will guarantee their support on votes of 'No Confidence' and the Budget.

Much the most important aspects of the Queen's Speech relate to bills giving effect to the decision by the British people to leave the European Union. This issue will dominate the Parliament. Negotiations about the terms on which the UK will leave the EU have already started. They will be concluded by March 2019, though there may well be some transition arrangements in place to avoid disruption. Both sides in the negotiation will want to ensure an agreement that is as positive as possible for both the UK and for the other 27 member countries of the EU.

The other issue which will be prominent in the Government's work over the next two years will relate to our security. There will inevitably be tension between the need to protect our individual liberty and privacy and the need to strengthen our security arrangements. The awful terrorist attacks in Manchester and London over recent months have made strengthening our security the dominating issue. The next two years are going to be very busy.

Glyn Davies
Montgomeryshire MP

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Q: I am a vet in an expanding practice and am considering taking on a trainee vet from overseas through a volunteer work experience programme. I have heard that the government has now introduced an immigration skills charge for employers. Does this apply to all skilled workers from overseas and under what terms?

A: If you employ someone from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland you may need a sponsor licence. This being the case you will also need to put into place appropriate systems to monitor those employees. There are two types of sponsor licence. Tier 2 is for skilled workers with long term job offers. Tier 5 is for skilled workers who are engaged on a short term temporary basis.

There are different eligibility categories within both Tiers but it sounds as if you may require a Tier 5 licence under the category 'Government Authorised Exchange - work experience (1 year), research projects or training, for example practical medical or scientific training (2 years) to enable a short-term exchange of knowledge'.

If you are a small business with an annual turnover of £10.2 million or less and employing less than 50 people, the cost of a Tier 5 licence is £536. In addition to this you may be required to pay an additional charge for each foreign worker you employ. This is the Immigration Skills Charge to which you refer and it is applicable if your overseas workers are applying for a visa to work in the UK for six months or more, either under Tier 2 or Tier 5. The Skills Charge is on a sliding scale depending on the length of the visa being applied for by the worker. There are however many 'variations on a theme' here, so it would be advisable to take advice from a local employment lawyer.

Further information relating to this question is available from Gwyn Edwards, a Chartered Legal Executive with GHP Legal. For an appointment visit www.ghplegal.com or contact one of our offices: Oswestry 01691 659194, Chirk 01691 777949, Wrexham 01978 291456, Llangollen 01978 860313. We offer free legal diagnostic clinics (no appointment necessary). In Oswestry, Wednesdays 12noon-3pm for Personal Injury, Employment & Family matters. In Wrexham, Mondays 9.30am-12noon for Employment matters, 12noon – 3pm for Personal Injury & Family matters. GHP Legal is authorised and regulated by the SRA 51566, and Lexcel Accredited.



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Scroungers should not be tolerated

THERE appears to be a section of society who seem to believe that disability means that one does not need to work and should receive every benefit going.

There is a considerably larger number of people who play-act with their walking sticks than anyone is prepared to admit, and all I can say is that anyone receiving benefits to which they are not really entitled is robbing the genuine people who are deserving.

Disability does not mean that you are unable to work.

My own father worked for years after suffering serious ill health following industrial injury, for which he was denied compensation, and left him 80 per cent disabled. He even returned to work after two serious strokes and was eventually forced to take early retirement by his employer because of his health. I have worked with many disabled people who would not even consider

giving up their jobs while they could draw breath even though they suffered with some of the most debilitating and painful illnesses which eventually caused their demise. There is work out there and so many disabled people are willing to do it and I applaud them.

People are getting fed up with scroungers!

**ADRIAN WILLIAMS
Bratton**

We require a new approach to helping out elderly people

THE publication last year of the Nuffield Report on Social Care, helped us focus our attention on the cost of maintaining 'the elderly' in the community, followed by Teresa May's contentious intentions to resolve the problems.

Despite the obvious cost to the Government in caring for 'the elderly', we mustn't overlook the fact that many of 'the elderly' today, some of whom are disabled themselves, are actually working voluntarily within statutory and voluntary organisations which complement or enhance services provided by the Government. The hospital car service, for example, is an invaluable service, along with Age UK, the Red Cross and numerous other charities, too many to mention, where 'the elderly' can be found working to help those less fortunate than themselves.

Social care following hospital admission or an illness can prove vital in assisting 'the elderly' to get back on their feet and become re-integrated within their community, without which many of 'the elderly' become vulnerable to loneliness, isolation and despair, creating a downwards spiral in health and ultimately costing the health and social services more to maintain them. Also, for anyone disabled and housebound, a daily visit from a carer can make all the difference to their well-being.

Since we are living so much longer than our forebears, we need to adopt a forward-look approach to 'the elderly'. By assisting 'the elderly' with extra care when needed to support them in old age, we are helping to maintain and sustain them so they can remain a valued part of the community in which they live, rather than being perceived as a burden with diminishing faculties.

**CHARMAINE BROOKER
Chirk**

Very thankful for great care

IN light of all the criticism the NHS are receiving at the moment I can only speak as I find and stand in their defence.

Having recently fractured my wrist the treatment I received was second to none. I was treated with courtesy, respect and kindness each time I went to the hospital. Yes maybe I did have to wait a little while but hospitals are busy places and the sooner people realise there will be a wait, the better. Instead of harping on all the time about waiting times. I would rather have to wait to get the treatment I received than be rushed through.

I just wanted to extend my thanks to everyone who helped in my recovery.

**SALLY HILTON
Horsehay**

School's innovation brought new life to station



The Gobowen railway station travel centre was opened on April 25, 1996, by John Watts, Minister for Railways and Roads. He is seen taking a walk down the platform with Marianne Rowley, Christina Reeves, Laura Edwards and Annica Goddard. The station had been brought back to life by schoolgirls from nearby Moreton Hall. It had seemed doomed when British Rail decided to pull out staff, but staff and pupils stepped in and within six months had reopened the booking office and as the venture grew created a larger booking office and waiting room.

I have been well looked after by staff of the NHS

I WAS saddened to read the letter from CNE Williams regarding the state of the NHS.

I have had treatment for various conditions in the last two years and have always been well looked after and treated with kindness and courtesy, despite being past retirement age. As an inpatient at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, even the cleaning ladies went out of their way to make sure I was comfortable and had everything I needed.

The professional staff recently took time out of their hectic schedule to organise a Patient Information Day where consultants and specialist nurses gave talks on various aspects of the condition affecting the many patients who attended.

I would say to anyone concerned about their health, your GP can't help if they don't know you have a problem.

Ask for advice and wherever it leads you, you may be pleasantly surprised by the standard of care you receive.

**JUDY BRISTOLL
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Just charge £1 for hospital parking

HOSPITAL parking is a major concern all over the country.

It wouldn't be so bad if all the money generated from the parking went to patient care.

But most of it fills the coffers of parking companies, not the National Health Service. Maybe £1 to park, and all this going to the hospital, but taking money from the relatives of terminally-ill people is really not very nice.

However, that is capitalism for you!
**W F KERSWELL
Picklestcott**

Badgers can also do some harm to countryside

SITTING in front of the TV recovering from a knee operation, I thought I would catch up on some old wildlife recordings that I had not watched.

I have just seen a badger swim across to an island where lots of wading birds were nesting and eat every egg it could find. Just imagine how much damage a whole family of badgers could do in one night alone roaming around the fields in the area of the sett. Where I live in Lydbury North there used to be skylarks, lapwings, curlews and lots of other ground nesting birds. I never hear a skylark, curlew or lapwing now.

You can't blame the farmers around here because a lot of the fields south of the village are not ploughed because they are wet and rushy, ideal for lapwings etc. Our so-called wildlife experts won't believe that badgers are partly to blame. Badgers plus magpies do a lot of harm to all nesting birds plus the decline in the hedgehog population.

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MP gets the chance to propose a new law

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Top honour for army reservist

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies will get the chance to propose a new law in Parliament after being chosen in the Private Members Bill Ballot.

The Conservative was one of 20 MPs who can propose a new law. Private Members' Bills are one of the few chances MPs who are not ministers get to create legislation, although most are still likely to fall short.

Six bills from last year's ballot ended up becoming law, and Mr Davies is now taking on extra work in deciding what law he will put forward.

He said: "I have been inundated with proposals to put forward, a lot of organisations and charities have been putting ideas to me, so I have got to think long and hard about what I will do. It is a tough one because I can put something forward that won't go through, but will raise the profile of a certain topic or make a public statement. Or I could put something forward that could have a real chance of becoming a law, so there is a lot of hard thinking to do."

Mr Davies will now be in discussions, and working at Westminster to come up with a bill to take forward.

The number you are drawn on the Bill determines how much debating time it is allowed, and Mr Davies was drawn out 10th.

He added: "It will probably be January or February time when the Bill is discussed."

"If I put something forward directly affecting Mid Wales or Montgomeryshire it might not get through, as I may not be able to get the support of other parties for it or MPs for it."

"It is not very often someone gets this chance, it is the first time I have been drawn out."



Sergeant Rebecca Warren wore her uniform to the orthopaedic hospital on Reserve Forces Day

AN army reservist and nurse in the Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Corps has been honoured with a national award.

Sergeant Rebecca Warren has been recognised with the Outstanding QARANC Reservist Clinical Professional Development Award by the charity Cavell Nurses' Trust.

By Jonny Drury

The award is for her outstanding leadership and development in both her civilian role as ward manager at the Midland Centre For Spinal Injuries at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital and her army reserve role which previously saw her deployed on a tour of Afghanistan.

With the award, Sgt Warren has also won £2,000 to spend on her own personal development within her role as an army reserve.

Meanwhile, Sgt Warren wore her military uniform to mark Reserve Forces Day recently. She decided to wear her uniform with pride to the orthopaedic hospital to help promote the reserve forces to her colleagues.

She said: "I deployed to Afghanistan in 2009. I really believe that my experience there has greatly improved my nursing skills and has given me the confidence in my abilities which I previously lacked."

"From a professional perspective I have



Sergeant Rebecca Warren with her award

gained valuable nursing experience in different environments and have experienced trauma in the very acute stage. I have had the opportunity to develop new skills and perfect those I already had."

Mark Brandreth, hospital chief executive, said: "Our reservists are vital members of our staff. They are highly trained, extremely skilled and offer considerable expertise and experience back into the NHS because of their military experience."

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Ramblers team up with canal group

THE Welshpool Ramblers' walk on Sunday will be a joint venture with the local branch of the Inland Waterways Association.

Starting from the Llanymynech Wharf Visitor Centre, the first, 3.5 mile, component of the walk will explore the Llanymynech Heritage Area, climbing the 'Welsh Incline' to reach the spectacular viewpoint near Asterley Rocks by way of the abandoned quarries. Descending past other quarry features will lead down to the canal and back to the starting point.

An optional second component of the walk, of five miles with some abbreviation possible, will take a field footpath to the Vyrnwy Aqueduct to gain access to the canal towpath, and thence to Carreghofa lock. Meet at 9am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref. SJ 226 076) from where transport may be available, or at the start of the walk at the visitor centre in Llanymynech (OS Ref: SJ 266.211) ready for a 10am start.

Tickets on sale for 1940s festival

TICKETS for a number of the evening events that help make up the 2017 Welshpool 1940s Weekend are now on sale.

They are available from Theatre Hafren box office by person, by phone or online.

These include the Spirit of Blitz Variety Show, Blitz Ball, Tea Dance and the closing concert featuring the Military Wives Choir and Porthywaen Band.

The 1940s weekend takes place from September 29 to October 1 inclusive.

Full details can be found on Facebook by finding the Welshpool Forties Weekend page or by visiting the website at www.welshpool1940sweekend.co.uk



Millicent Kaye Memorial Award winners Woodside Primary School of Oswestry

Young artists show off their top talents

THE Rotary Club of Oswestry's annual Millicent Kaye Art Competition attracted over 350 pieces of artwork, either 2D or 3D, from 8 schools on this year's theme 'In The Park'.

At the competition prize giving at Oswestry's QUBE gallery recently, a happy Woodside School group was presented with the Millicent Kaye Memorial Award for

Report by Jonny Drury

their school's outstanding overall effort.

There were individual successes from Moreton First's Miller brothers with Oliver's overall first prize in the 2D and commendation in the 3D categories whilst sibling Charlie was commended in the 2D category.

Our Lady and St Oswald's School's Saskia Dalietos scooped first prize in the 3D category with an impressive 3D model of a bandstand.

Presenting the prizes, Oswestry Rotary Club's David Davies thanked the youngsters for their hard work in the competition.

The competition and exhibition is sponsored by the Mary Hignett Bequest Fund.

The fund is administered by the rotary club from half of the estate of Oswestry author Mary Hignett to fund local arts and sports projects.

A selection of the winning and commended entries was recently on display in the Qube Gallery on Oswald Road.



Oliver Miller receives his award from rotarian David Davies



Saskia Dalietos with her art competition award

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Body of missing town man is found

POLICE have confirmed the discovery of the body of a missing Welshpool man.

A spokesman from Dyfed-Powys Police said the man had been missing since Tuesday last week.

The police said officers were called to a report of a 65-year-old man missing from his home in Welshpool on June 27.

Sadly he was found deceased a short time later, the police said.

The police added: "Our thoughts are with his family."

"There is no further update at the moment."

Police have not released the name of the man.

Suspended jail term for theft

A SUSPENDED sentence has been handed to a woman who stole £450 from another woman.

Sarah Waters, 35, of Park Place, Welshpool, admitted a charge of theft and two charges of theft by finding at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday last week.

On April 10, Waters stole a bank card and £250 and on the same day attempted to steal £200 from the victim.

The following day, at the nearby Tesco Petrol Station she attempted to steal one of the victim's money, however the value is unknown. She was given six months in prison, suspended for 12 months.

She was also ordered to completed 150 hours of unpaid work, and pay £250 in compensation to HSB bank. Magistrates also ordered her to pay £115 victim surcharge and £85 costs.

Cyclists get new date for Race the Train event

Report by Andrew Morris

ORGANISERS of the annual Race the Train challenge have brought the date of the event forward this year.

Normally held after the summer holidays in September, the event has steadily grown in popularity since it was re-introduced as a cycling event several years ago.

It is hoped the July 30 date will boost its popularity further.

The event sees cyclists invited to race the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway train, leaving Welshpool Raven Square at 11.15am.

The train takes 45 minutes on average to cover its eight miles whilst cyclists cover nine miles. The route is fully marshalled with first aid points and a rescue vehicle. Those wishing to enter the race should be at Raven Square Station no later than 10.45am on the day of the race. Entry fee is £10. There is water and chocolate at the end of the race at Llanfair Caereinion.

The route is from Raven Square, turn left up Llanfair Road to the Gofla, left into Cwm Lane, through Castle Caereinion, down past the steam railway station and left into the Dollardyn Road, keep going up the hill and then down into Llanfair, turn right into Mount Road and left by the bowling club, over the river bridge to the winning post at Llanfair Caereinion Station. For information call 07767 267830 or email townclerk@mail.com

Alexis is ordained for church work



Alexis Smith has come from North Carolina to work in Mid Wales

A WOMAN from America is among three women being ordained to work in churches across Mid Wales.

Alexis Smith has come from North Carolina to work as a Pioneer Priest in churches around Welshpool.

She was ordained as a deacon in St Asaph Cathedral on June 24.

Also ordained deacon is a former teacher and now psychologist Ann Chidgey, who is based in Kerry, near Newtown, as part of the Cedewain Mission Area and Jeanette Wilkes, who will be located in Welshpool as part of the Pool Mission Area.

Alexis Smith from North Carolina in America first came to Wales in 2006 to study a PhD at the University of Wales in Lampeter.

She had hoped to return to Wales in 2014 having been ordained in the Episcopal Church in the USA.

The process of transfer took almost two years but she arrived in Wales last September and has been completing further studies as the Church in Wales' training centre St Padarns.

Operation is started to replace poles for big show

TWO iconic climbing poles at the Royal Welsh Showground are being replaced for this year's show.

Being one of the most popular contests at the show, Pole climbers demonstrate nerves of steel, huge strength and agility to compete against each other, and the clock, to see how quickly they can reach the top.

The two poles in the forestry section have been in place since 2009 and are now being replaced as part of a logistical task that requires plenty of preparation and hard work. Two huge Douglas Fir trees from a Natural Resources Wales managed forest near Pantperthog, Machynlleth, have already been felled with the support of Tillhill Forestry and getting them to the showground required an operation planned with military precision.

Natural Resources Wales, Dyfed Powys Police and the Highways Agency were involved in moving the trees from Machynlleth to Builth Wells in an operation that began on June 25.

The new poles were loaded onto an articulated, rear-steer lorry and driven the 90-plus miles from the forest to Llanellwedd by Kieron M Owen Transport Ltd, along with a full abnormal-load police entourage.

Now at the showground, the poles are all ready for the next part of the challenge where they will be hoisted into position with an enormous crane from Davies Crane Hire and buried 5m into the ground.

This year's show runs from July 24 to July 27.

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Car firm is delighted to back fun day

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"In particular, the fundraising with the monies raised going to Severn Hospice and Hope House Hospice which are local worthy charities."

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Geoff in top shape after heart scare

Report by Jonny Drury

A BIN man had his life changed last year when he was told he was a 'walking time bomb' and would have to undergo a double heart bypass.

A year later, 51-year-old Geoff Richards, from Oswestry, has dramatically changed his lifestyle and recently walked up Rodney's Pillar to raise £1,000 for the British Heart Foundation along with almost 50 family members and friends.

Known by many for driving a bin lorry around the town for many years, Geoff went for a routine medical as part of his HGV licence in March last year.

He passed the medical, but a free NHS health check threw up abnormalities, setting alarm bells ringing that something was not right.

He was diagnosed with angina and in July went to the Royal Stoke University Hospital to have two stents fitted in his heart to tackle two blocked arteries.

However, the procedure was unsuccessful, and to Geoff and his family's shock, he would have to undergo a double heart bypass.

After a year of recovery, Geoff, also known for his footballing days in years gone by, admitted he took his eye off the ball when it came to his lifestyle, and is thankful that he went to the doctor when he did. He said: "I had no family history of heart problems, and when I was told I was shocked. But I took my eye off the ball for five or six years, I was unhealthy, I didn't eat properly, I smoked excessively and didn't exercise enough."

"The doctor told me I was a walking time bomb, and if I hadn't had the

Couple's £2,000 gift to unit

A COUPLE have donated almost £2,000 to the Shropshire and Mid Wales fertility centre to thank staff for making their dreams come true.

Lucy and Dave Andrew, who live near Oswestry, now have a son James, aged two-and-a-half, with a second child due in August - thanks to the efforts of the fertility centre, which is based at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Lucy, 31, and Dave, 36, donated £1,985 through a charity golf day they organised to thank staff.

Lucy said: "We were under the care of the fertility clinic for over five years, and through their excellent treatment we have been blessed with the safe arrival of our son James and another on the way due this August."

"Throughout the five years it took to have James, we experienced many highs and extreme lows and at some points felt that all hope was lost. The amazing staff at the fertility clinic have seen us on our best days and on our worst and their unflinching hope and care gave us the strength to carry on and achieve our dream of having a family."



Lucy, Dave and James Andrew, with staff Victoria Gittins, Louise Simmonds, Gwen MacRae and Rosalind Grainger

NEWS IN BRIEF

Walk set to help boost charity funds

A WALK for Parkinsons around Lake Vyrnwy will be taking place this weekend.

People can walk for just two miles or up to 12 miles on Sunday to raise money to help to find a cure for Parkinsons.

The two-mile route goes across the 19th-century stone dam and back, while the 12-mile route is a circular walk around the reservoir.

Both routes start and finish at the award winning Lake Vyrnwy Hotel & Spa, where walkers can enjoy a complimentary hot drink and breakfast roll before the walk. Dogs on leads are welcome on the walk but are not permitted in the hotel. Entry is £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s. On the day registration is also available at £15 for adults and £7.50 for under 16s, and it is cash only.

Register online at parkinsons.org.uk/walklakevyrnwy or get in touch for more information on 020 7963 3912, or by emailing fundraising@parkinsons.org.uk.

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Geoff's family at the top of Rodney's Pillar, from left, Sharon Richards, Nick Drury, Jack Richards, Geoff, Hannah Richards, and family dog Alfie

random health check that I did at 50, maybe it wouldn't have been picked up.

"I would stress to anybody to get random health checks, or if they feel something isn't right, go and see the doctor, it doesn't matter what age, go and do it." Geoff underwent surgery in Stoke in January, with veins out of his chest and leg put into his heart as part of the bypass.

After five months off work, he returned recently and is awaiting the all

clear on health checks to be re-granted his HGV licence.

He has now dramatically changed his lifestyle, eating healthier and exercising, something that was underlined by the walk he led up Rodney's Pillar. Organised by his family, including children Jack and Hannah and wife Sharon, people turned out to back Geoff as he got to the top of the landmark, and released two heart-shaped balloons to mark his recovery from illness.

Tributes paid to driving instructor

TRIBUTES have been paid to a well-known driving instructor and former golf captain who has died.

Barbara Bebbington, 72, played a part in many lives in Oswestry, helping people through their driving tests and getting them on the road.

She died after suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on June 17.

She was married to John, and they had twins Spencer and Amanda. Her

son Spencer said: "She was always the life and soul of parties, especially at the club when they went away at weekends. She was very strong minded, determined and competitive, always gave it her best."

"As a mum she was my rock and my safety net, she always saw both sides and was the voice of reason."

A week before her mother passed away, Amanda was diagnosed with the same illness. However, doctors discovered it early and are now able to man-

age it. Amanda is now running a 72km course around Oswestry to raise more awareness of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

She added: "With me it was found early, however with mum it was found too late, so I want to do something not just to remember mum but to also raise awareness."

Amanda will begin her run on July 21 from Whittington Primary School, and will be running 72km around the town.

Car parking plan to be reviewed

PROPOSALS to introduce new car parking charges at nine council-owned car parks will be reviewed, Powys County Council's cabinet member for highways has announced.

Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick will review the plans to introduce pay and display charges at car parks including the site at Llanfair Caereinion. "Since becoming cabinet member for highways, I have been contacted by a number of residents who are concerned about the impact these proposals will have on their local community," said Cllr Fitzpatrick. "I will be looking at the concerns that I have received since becoming cabinet member, along with the views the council received during the consultation on the proposals, and will be taking them into account when the review starts."

Store's changes to support patients

A SUPERMARKET has joined a campaign to help people who have colostomy bags, by making simple changes to its public toilets.

Stan's Superstore in St Martins, near Oswestry, has joined the Colostomy Association Stoma Friendly Society campaign.

It follows a campaign by nearby Oswestry Town Council to make the accessible toilet facilities in the area stoma friendly and to draw the public's attention to the fact that "Not All Disabilities Are Visible".

Individuals with a stoma have had their bowel diverted through their abdomen so that bodily waste can pass into a stoma bag.

Because the condition is invisible, they often face discrimination when using an accessible toilet. Stan's has put up a hook on the door and shelf space to enable people to spread out their items easily.

Parents want action over nursery closure

Report by Jonny Drury

PARENTS have spoken of their anger after finding out a pre-school that caters for 40 families is to close.

Woodside Primary School in Oswestry announced it will be closing its Start Centre on September 30 for two year olds, and December 31 for two to three year olds.

The closure comes following increasing demand on places at the school. Headteacher Rob McDevitt apologised for the announcement, but said it was no longer viable to keep the centre open.

Jessica Carter has two young children, one who attends the centre and another who was set to join in September.

She has called for North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson to step in and get involved. She said: "In each of these capacities I am horrified to hear about the closure of Start at Woodside. This sudden announcement, four weeks before the end of the academic year, leaves over 70 children without a nursery place and a team of Ofsted outstanding staff without work. In the opinion of many, including myself, this is the best nursery in the area and we are about to lose it."

Another parent, Rhiannon Williams whose daughter attends the Start Centre, has paid tribute to the service provided and has called for something to be done.

She added: "The nursery is full and starting to fill up for next year, this is ludicrous. They are the kindest, most hard working team of girls and I really do feel like they are an extension of family, my daughter loves each one of them."

"I would happy to do anything to keep the centre going."

Golfing day boosts charity funds



The winning team of the Henlle Park golf day at Gobowen was Rees Astley Insurance, who received their shield from Awel Mai, representing main sponsor of the event Agri Advisor

GOLFERS from England and Wales took part in Henlle Park's charity golf day at Gobowen, organised by farming welfare charity RABI.

In total 21 teams competed with Rees Astley Insurance coming out on top and the event raised £2,597 for farming people in financial need.

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution helps people in numerous ways, including those who have suffered accidents or ill-health or whose livelihoods have been threatened by adverse weather or animal disease.

Support is generally tailored to individual need. In 2016, more than £2 million was paid out in grants to families in Wales and England.

The main sponsors of the golf day were Agri Advisor Solicitors, a firm with offices in Pumsaint, Carmarthenshire, Welshpool and Cardiff. Awel Mai, from Agri Advisor's Welshpool office, attended the event to present the awards. Linda Jones, RABI regional manager for Wales, said: "We are delighted that the day generated over £2,500 for RABI. Agri Advisor are very much aware of the challenges faced by many farming families in today's world and I'd personally like to thank them for supporting this event once again."

Restoration of waterway moves one step closer

A £4 million project to restore one of Britain's most picturesque canals began as a dream and is now reality.

Work to restore the Montgomeryshire Canal took a giant leap forward on Monday as work on the multi-million project was launched at the Aston Locks Nature Reserve near Oswestry.

The multi-agency project is being carried out by the Canal and River Trust with funding coming from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the European Regional Development Fund and supported by the Montgomery Canal Partnership. When the work is completed it will be the first time canal boats have accessed parts of the route for over 80 years.

On Monday a grand opening took place with diggers on site ready to start creating a new nature reserve next to the canal at Aston Locks.

Wendy Capelle, waterway manager at the Canal and River Trust, has paid tribute to the dedicated volunteers who have kept the dream of restoring the canal alive over the years.

She said: "The work starting at Aston Nature Reserves is a huge step forward in restoring this beautiful canal."

"It is a testament to the dedication of so many people over several years who have kept the dream alive and we're hugely excited to see the diggers on site."

The canal has already been restored in England from Lower Frankton to Gronwen Bridge, near Maesbury. In Wales, about 12 miles have been restored in the Welshpool area, with 19 out of 35 miles already fully usable.

Areas to be restored are the 7.5 miles from Gronwen to Arddleen, the northern end of the navigable Welshpool section, and the 8.5 miles from Refail, the southern end of the Welshpool section, to Newtown.

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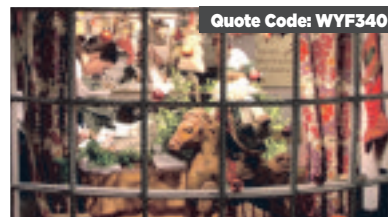
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Raise a glass to town cider festival

CIDER lovers will be able to enjoy a range of craft ciders from across the UK at Oswestry's 17-day festival next month.

The festival will run at The Wilford Owen in Willow Street from tomorrow (Friday) until July 23, with a selection of ciders not previously available being exclusively on offer.

As well as apple and pear, there will also be ciders made with elderflower, strawberry, rum and raisin, as well as toffee-apple and ginger, lychee and ginseng.

All of the ciders will cost £2.95 a pint. Pub manager Russell Price said: "The Wilford Owen will be offering a superb selection of craft ciders during the festival. Cider is the perfect drink to enjoy during the summer and we believe that the festival will appeal to cider lovers as well as those enjoying cider for the first time."

Project to focus on money matters

BOSSSES at The Three Parishes Big Local Partnership say they are pleased to announce the launch of a three-year project focussing on household finance.

Delivered by Citizens Advice Shropshire, the project aims to reduce financial exclusion within Weston Rhyn, St Martins and Gobowen.

The formal launch on Monday is an opportunity for local organisations to find out what the project will deliver so that they are able to signpost local residents that might benefit from this support.

The launch will take place at Henlle Park Golf Club in Gobowen at 10.30am.

Kronospan's profits hit by gas blast and the value of pound

A GAS explosion at Kronospan's Chirk factory and the plunging value of the pound hit profits at the wood panels giant last year.

Newly-published accounts for UK parent company Kronospan Holdings Ltd show that while sales were on an upward curve in the year to September 30, profits fell over the same period.

The weakness of the UK currency proved a double-edged sword for the Austrian-headquartered company.

Sales increased by six per cent to £346.3 million in part thanks to sterling's fall in value after the EU Referendum in June.

But operating profits were lower for the period, falling by 55 per cent to £7.1 million, which was in part because of currency fluctuations, and partly because of a gas explosion which hit the site.

In August last year Kronospan's Chirk site was rocked by the explosion, which did not injure anybody but which is thought to have damaged some of the factory's walls.

A statement accompanying the accounts, signed off by chairman Mike McKenna, said: "The main factor contributing to the sales increase was higher sales volumes and the weakening of sterling. The main reason for the lower earnings were reduced production volumes in the UK as a result of the impact of investment projects and a gas explosion, together with the adverse impact of the weakening of sterling on raw material costs."

The company spent £41.1 million its



Wood firm Kronospan, based in Chirk, is one of the largest employers in the Oswestry area

assets over the course of the year, investing money in profit improvement projects for the site.

Kronospan's customer base covers the construction, furniture and DIY sectors in the UK, the Benelux countries of Belgium, the Netherlands

and Luxembourg, plus France and Germany. Despite the changes in the currency already having an effect on the company's top and bottom lines, Kronospan also said it does not expect to be seriously affected by Brexit.

The statement added: "The group

does not expect any adverse consequences as a result of Brexit, primarily due to the geographical spread of the customer base."

The number of people employed by the group increased over the course of the year, from 894 to 935.

Charity shop in volunteer plea to meet big demand

THE Oswestry branch of Age UK is in desperate need of volunteers as demand on the shop increases.

The branch opened on Red Square in November, and currently has between 10 and 12 volunteers working in the shop and out in vans picking up donated items of furniture to be sold.

With business booming, the charity urgently needs new drivers and is appealing to people across the county to help. Shop manager Rose Morris said: "We've got a shortage of people, especially van drivers. We're having so much stuff donated to us and the profit we are making for the charity is great. But we need more people, we did have a good number but lost a few people. The demand at the moment is great, but we need more people to help us cope with it."

"It is nice we are having so much donated, however we need people to step forward and help deal with the extra demand."

The profits made from the shop in Oswestry, as well as Shrewsbury and Wellington, go back to delivering services for older people. Heather Osborne, chief executive at Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin, said: "We are looking for van drivers and driver's assistants who are capable of moving furniture and happy to do deliveries and collections across the Oswestry area. We also need retail assistants who enjoy meeting the public and selling quality preloved stock."

Anyone interested in volunteering can call the Shropshire office on (01743) 558570 or the Oswestry store on (01691) 238020.

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Colleagues praise Laura's kind care



Laura Edwards receives her award from Mark Brandreth watched by some of her colleagues

RADIOGRAPHER Laura Edwards has been hailed as a role model to colleagues – as she was presented with the latest Health Hero Award at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Laura was nominated by 16 of her colleagues for the monthly prize, and all of them commented on her tireless commitment and her outstanding patient care.

She was presented with her award by chief executive Mark Brandreth, who announced the winner at the monthly meeting of the board of di-

Report by Jonny Drury

rectors. Nicola Reddcliffe, one of the radiographers who nominated Laura, said: "She works tirelessly in the department, motivates all staff and is kind and caring."

"She's a great role model and her patient care is excellent."

"Laura goes above and beyond in her role," added Nicola. "She's also a fantastic student mentor, and a real fountain of knowledge."

Laura said: "I really wasn't expecting this, I didn't even know I'd been nominated so I'm very touched."

"Our patients come first, so to be

praised for patient care is lovely. I'd like to thank my colleagues for their nominations, I work with a lovely team of people, so I must give them a mention."

Mark Brandreth was delighted to be presenting the award to one of the trust's radiographers' having previously awarded it to nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and therapists, as well as non-clinical colleagues including a departmental receptionist, a maintenance assistant and a catering assistant. He said: "Our radiographers play a key role in the delivery of patient care. Theirs is a department which is always busy, but they maintain high standards at all times."

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Homes crisis flagged up in new report

ALMOST 1,700 too few homes were built in Shropshire over the last five years, a new report has revealed.

The National Housing Federation's Home Truths report claims that there was a shortfall in housebuilding in the county of 1,654 properties between 2011 and 2016.

At the same time, the county contained 1,526 long-term empty homes, and 1,475 second homes, putting pressure on the market and driving the average property price up to £218,684.

While there is no comparable figure for the building shortfall in Telford, the borough is home to 467 empty properties and 184 second homes.

The figures also reveal that the average property in Shropshire is valued at 8.5 times the mean annual earnings in the county, while in Telford buyers face prices worth 6.9 times the typical yearly pre-tax salary.

The association also said the West Midlands faces a shortfall of 45,000 homes.

The managing director of the Wrekin Housing Trust Wayne Gethings said: "Housing associations need long-term certainty of funding to continue to run supported housing and develop new schemes.

"This will ensure those who have the greatest needs are provided with a secure, safe place to stay.

"In its current form the proposed new system does not provide that certainty and puts the future of supported housing at risk."

Memories and cakes greet home visitors

MUSICAL memories and tasty cakes greeted visitors and guests at an open day held at Chirk Court care home in Chirk recently.

The event formed part of the nationwide National Care Homes Open Day initiative so that members of the wider community could meet with residents, family members and staff to enjoy the facilities.

"We always welcome people who would like to call in to see the friendly and professional service here, and it was lovely to welcome so many friends from our local community," said Lisa Johnson, care home manager.

"Among those who joined us were local councillors including councillor Frank Hemmings, a dementia awareness champion who works with a number of agencies promoting the area as a 'dementia friendly community, and the Rev Mathew Wilkinson from St Mary's Church, Chirk, who works with all the churches in Chirk supporting dementia-friendly values"

Anyone unable to visit the open day but who would like to find out more or visit can see the website www.chirkcourt.co.uk or call (01691) 774286.

Gospel church plan approved

AN application to build a gospel church in a small Mid Wales village has been accepted, three years after it was first rejected.

Powys County Council's planning committee passed the proposal by Dolafon Gospel Hall Trust to build a church, along with four dwellings and 74 parking spaces on land near adjacent to Abermule House in Abermule.

An application was rejected back in 2014, despite recommendation for approval, with concerns raised about the size of the building. An appeal was also dismissed, and the trust came back this year with revised plans for the building, saying it was 50 per cent smaller and will serve a Christian congregation from Abermule, Kerry, Sarn, Hodley and Llandysul.

Letters of support were submitted before councillors made their decision.

Hospice lays down tough challenge to cyclists



Local dad Karl Evans with Hope House area fundraiser Lynsey Kilvert looks forward to the challenge

THE popular annual Hope House Cycle Challenge is back and this year it promises to be the toughest ride yet.

The challenge will be taking place on August 6 and will be starting and finishing at Hope House Children's Hospice, based at Morda near Oswestry.

This year cyclists will be put to the test by a 57-mile circular route over five peaks of over 1,000ft and a peak of 1,368ft – as high as the

Horseshoe Pass. A link to the route can be found at hopehouse.org.uk/events/event/hope-house-cycle-challenge.

It costs just £25 to register for the challenge. Cyclists are also urged to raise sponsorship to help Hope House continue its vital work supporting children.

Cyclists will be provided with refreshments at a halfway feed station followed by a delicious home-made fest of cakes and savouries upon

return to Hope House. Spaces on the day will be available at £35.

Hope House fundraiser Lynsey Kilvert, said: "Local dad, Karl Evans, has signed up again this year with his brother and a team of cyclists to show his support for the vital care Hope House provide his daughter Poppy and the rest of the family. We also have many people signed up from North Wales and across to Staffordshire – it looks set to be another brilliant day."



Karl Evans, his daughter Lyla and his team of cyclists in the Hope House cycling jerseys

This year's event is being sponsored by Santander, Shrewsbury, and on-course support will be provided by Stans Cycles, Shrewsbury and the Hope House safety van and first aid car.

For the first time ever Hope House also have cycling jerseys that cyclists can purchase for the cost of £40. Cyclists can sign up and purchase their jerseys via the online link or call the fundraising office on (01691) 671671.

Young entrepreneurs will be helped by new youth hub



Sir Algernon Heber-Percy with SYST trustee Michael Stoddart



Sir John Timpson at the launch



Guest speaker John Timpson launches the hub watched by dignitaries

Report by Jonny Drury

YOUNG people wanting to start a new business are being encouraged to get in touch with a new "youth entrepreneurial hub".

The Shropshire Youth Support Trust (SYST) has been launched at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry.

Community, educational leaders and the county's politicians came forward to celebrate the trust's first satellite hub outside of Telford. Alongside them were Shropshire's Lord Lieutenant, Sir Algernon Heber-Percy and Peter Nutting, Shropshire Council Leader. Sir John Timpson was the guest speaker and carried out the duties to launch the new hub.

The Shropshire Youth Support Trust is a charity that offers support, mentoring and resources to fledgling entrepreneurs.

Clive Knowles, ironworks chairman, said: "After hearing SYST's plea for businesses to step forward, we felt we had all the resources and space to help. We are perfectly placed to offer assistance to youths wishing to start their own unique businesses, it's rewarding and also bounces many positives back to our own business.

"Many businesses believe it's possibly cumbersome and might detract valuable time from their own business.

"We've found that yes, whilst it does cost us financially and is a distraction from running our business, it also holds masses of positives that outweigh any negatives."

Local businesses who wish to get involved or a youth wanting to start their own business should call (01691) 610952 and ask for SYST Assist.



Clive Knowles with SYST trustees Michael Stoddart, Rupert Kenyon-Slaney, Robert Whitmore, Richard Clowes, Mike Paul, Alison Dixon, Chris Johnson and Rob Hughes and business centre manager Richard Nuttall and chairman Robert Bland

Former pub has been upgraded to spacious family home

In a pleasant location, Tontine Inn in Church Lane, Melverley, Oswestry is a former public house that has now been upgraded to become a spacious family home or run as a bed and breakfast.

It is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £495,000. Having oil-fired central heating and double glazing throughout, it features a large sun room, an open plan living/dining room with an impressive fireplace and seven first floor bedrooms all having en-suite bathrooms or shower facilities. The grounds include useful detached stores/workshop or a garage. Access is readily available to the towns of Shrewsbury and Welshpool and the market town of Oswestry. Excellent local facilities include Kinnerley Primary School, Melverley Village Hall and the historic St Peter's Church. The current internal accommodation has been recently up-graded to enable use as a spacious family home or to be used as a bed and breakfast with guest bedrooms and a ground floor lounge.

It briefly comprises an open-plan living/dining room with an impressive fireplace housing a solid fuel stove, a fitted kitchen, a guest lounge and ancillary ground floor toilets and stores. The seven first floor bedrooms all have en-suite bathroom or shower facilities to a good standard. A further "lounge and kitchen" are set on the first floor and an external staircase approach is available off the drive approach. The grounds are well defined and afford a range of useful detached stores/workshop or garages, an extensive paved patio area adjoining the sun room and a further substantial hard-standing area capable of further landscaping to form an attractive garden if so desired.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the unique property/business opportunity. A spokesman for the selling agent said: "An inspection of this individual property is strongly advised to appreciate the space and quality of the existing accommodation and also the potential to offer an alternative use for parts of the property as a bed and breakfast establishment."

KEY FEATURES

Former public house
Large and detached
Recently upgraded
Bed & breakfast potential
Seven en-suite bedrooms

MELVERLEY £495,000



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Detached property is on a substantial plot

OSWESTRY
£176,500

A charming detached three-bedroomed property on a substantial plot, 74 Llys Road, Oswestry is well presented throughout and has parking for numerous vehicles.

With generous lawned gardens and a wood burning stove in the lounge, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £176,500. With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge with the wood-burning stove, a dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom. The attached single garage has an up and over door, an integral door to the kitchen and an external door to the rear.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole for more details on 01691 679595.



Cottage is by the river and sits in a quiet village position

RUYTON-XI-TOWNS
£325,000 <<<

A semi-detached character riverside cottage set in a large plot with a central village position, Toad Cottage, Brownhill, Ruyton XI Towns, is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £325,000.

The house has double glazing and central heating. There is a reception hall, cloakroom, two reception rooms, a kitchen and a utility. There are three bedrooms and a bathroom and en-suite. The property enjoys a large garden plot and there is ample parking and outbuildings.

The home is set well back from the main road and is approached over a gravelled drive providing ample car parking and turning area. There is a range of useful outbuildings including a summer house by the river.

Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

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- EPC Band-F

JJD927

GUIDE PRICE £289,950

OVERTON ROAD, NR. ST. MARTINS



- Spacious Detached Character Cottage
- Set Within Extensive Grounds
- Reception Hall
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility And Cloakroom
- Large Living Room
- Four Bedrooms (One En-Suite)
- Parking For Up To 6 Cars
- Large Garage
- Workshop/Annex
- EPC Band - F

JJD953

GUIDE PRICE £425,000

OSWESTRY



- Spacious Three Bed. Bungalow In Prestigious Area Of Oswestry.
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Reception Hall
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Living Room
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Garage And Ample Parking
- Corner Plot
- EPC Band - JJD965

GUIDE PRICE £279,995

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- Good Sized Four Bedroomed Detached House
- Central Village Location
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Four Beds (One En Suite)
- Large Enclosed Front Garden
- Ample Gravelled Parking Area
- Private Rear Yard
- EPC Band - D

JJD976

OFFERS OVER £187,000

OSWESTRY



- Semi-Detached Bungalow Within Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GCH & DG
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Ample Parking
- Paved Rear Garden
- Solar Panels
- EPC Band - B

JJD939

GUIDE PRICE £139,950

GOBOWEN



- Close Care Residential Two Bed. Bungalow
- Attractive Purpose Built Complex
- CH & DG
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- UPVC Conservatory
- Enclosed Paved Yard
- Short Walking Distance To Office
- Rear Vehicle Access And Parking Area
- EPC Band - E

JJD870

£69,950

OSWESTRY



- Spacious Detached Family House
- Convenient For Town And Local Primary Schools
- GCH
- Reception Hall
- Dining Room & Living Room
- Kitchen
- Utility/Garden Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Maintained Gardens
- Garage
- EPC Band - E

JJD974

GUIDE PRICE £167,500

OSWESTRY



- Modern Semi-Detached House Convenient For Local Facilities
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Entrance Hall
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom & Utility
- Three Bedrooms
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC Band - C

JJD975

GUIDE PRICE £155,000

TREFONEN - TO LET



- Semi-Det. Bungalow Occupying Central Village Location
- Reception Hall
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Street Parking
- Garaging
- EPC Band - E
- Rent £550 pcm, Deposit £550
- Agreement - £180 inc VAT.
- Character/employment References Required.

JJD093

£525 PCM

OSWESTRY - TO LET



- Excellent Bar/Restaurant Premises
- Occupying Busy Trading Position
- Short Distance From Major Retailers And Institutions
- Covered Porch
- Reception Area
- Beer Cellar And Bar Area
- Kitchen And Lounge
- Function Room
- Male/Female/Disabled Toilets
- EPC Band - Awaited

JJD091

RENT - £12,500

DEVELOPMENT SITE - HENGOED



- Site Extending To 0.8 Acres
- Property Occupied By Repairs Garage
- OPP For Four Executive Dwellings
- Outskirts Of Village Location
- Open Views Across Surrounding Countryside
- We understand Mains Electricity And Water Available
- EPC Band - JJD693

£445,000

ELLESMERE - TO LET



- Two Large Industrial Units
- Each Providing Garage/Industrial/Storage
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- GFCH
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Maesbrook Oswestry £475,000

- Spacious Executive Family Home set within a private gated development
- Stunning views over surrounding countryside towards the Breidden Hills
- Finished to the highest of standards
- Ent Hall, large Lounge, Dining Rm, Study, well fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Rm
- Family Room, Utility & Cloaks
- 3 bedrooms, 2 of which are en-suite, a Dressing Room & Family Bathroom
- Second floor there are 2 Bedrooms, Dressing Room and Shower Room
- Large gardens which are well stocked, summer house and garden shed
- Double garage, off road parking, covered walkway



Middleton Road Oswestry £315,000

- Rare opportunity to purchase a substantial period property with NO CHAIN
- Sit in generous gardens with garage, outbuildings, stable block and paddocks extending to approx 2.3 acres
- The property would benefit from some modernisation works
- Entrance Lobby, Hall, Lounge, Living Room, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Conservatory, Cloakroom, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom and WC
- Double glazing and oil fired central heating. EPC Rating



Maesbury Oswestry £275,000

- A well appointed 4 Bedroom Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with Pantry
- Rear Lobby, Utility Room, Guest WC and Store Room
- 4 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Good size plot with views over fields
- to rear
- Driveway and garage provide ample off road parking
- Double glazing and Oil central heating
- NO CHAIN



Castle Street Oswestry £99,995

- Deceptively spacious and immaculately presented 2 Bedroom Terrace House
- Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Hall and Bathroom
- 2 Bedrooms and access to a further Attic Room
- Rear garden with patio and lawned areas



Ardleen Llanyrnech £215,000

- NO CHAIN - A spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated in the popular village of Ardleen
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Externally the property offers gardens to front, side and rear
- Oil Central Heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating



Llansantffraid £370,000

- Individual Detached 4 Bedroom Bungalow situated on the outskirts of the popular village of Llansantffraid
- Maintained to a high standard throughout
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloaks
- Inner Hallway, Bedroom 4 (currently used as a study)
- Further 3 Double Bedrooms (2 en-suite) and Family Bathroom
- The property stands on an excellent plot with superb gardens to the front and rear
- Off road parking for several vehicles, garage and chalet/workshop
- Oil fired underfloor central heating and



Upper Brook Street Oswestry £125,000

- A delightful 2 Bedroom Terraced Cottage
- Period features including beams to ceilings and inglenook fireplace
- Large rear garden (approx. 150' long), garage and workshop
- Living Room, Inner Hall/Breakfast Area, Kitchen
- Rear Lobby and Bathroom and 2 good size Bedrooms
- Gas fired central heating. EPC Rating



Building Plot Chirk Bank £74,995

- An excellent residential development opportunity located in the picturesque village of Chirk Bank extending to 0.04 acres or thereabouts with outline planning permission for the erection of one detached dwelling
- The site is located within walking distance of the Shropshire Union Canal



Homestead Avenue St Martins £239,950

- A well proportioned 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Within walking distance of the centre of the popular village of St Martins
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Private rear garden and off road parking and garage to the fore
- Oil central heating and double glazing are installed throughout
- EPC Rating awaited. NO CHAIN



Heather Bank Gobowen £167,500

- An immaculately presented 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated close to the centre of the popular village of Gobowen
- Maintained to the highest of standards
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge, 2 good size Bedrooms and Bathroom
- An enclosed rear garden, driveway and single garage
- uPVC double glazing and a new gas boiler have been recently installed
- EPC Rating D (66)
- NO CHAIN



Hampton Road Oswestry £350,000

- A rare opportunity purchase a character 4/5 Bedroom Detached House
- Situated in one of Oswestry's premier locations on the outskirts of the town
- Retaining a host of period features throughout including
- Mosaic tiled flooring, fireplaces and picture rails
- Entrance Lobby, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room and Shower Room
- 4/5 excellent Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Ample off road parking and well maintained rear garden



Jemmett Close Oswestry £99,995

- A well appointed 2 Bed 1st Floor Apartment
- Ent Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Dining Rm
- 2 good size Bedrooms and Shower Rm
- Gas fired central heating. EPC Rating
- Private grounds communal gardens
- Off road parking & views over adjoining fields



Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant £450,000

- A stunning Grade II Listed Farmhouse
- Situated in an elevated position with outstanding views over the Tanat Valley
- Reception Hall; Music Room; Sitting Room; Dining Room
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- Gun Room; Cellar; 5 First Floor Bedrooms; Family Bathroom; 5 Attic Rooms
- Large Gardens; Orchard/Paddock.



Waterfall Street Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant £120,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase a 2 Bedroom End Terraced
- Entrance Hall, Lounge Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility Room, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Generous sized terraced garden leading down the river
- 4 good size Bedrooms (master en-suite) and Family Bathroom
- Off road parking to the side
- D.G and Electric Storage Heater. EPC Rating F
- NO CHAIN



Meadowdale Llanymynech £128,000

- Prices Starting from £128,000
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- BRAND NEW HOME TO BE COMPLETED SPRING 2018
- Backing onto the Montgomery Canal on a small residential development comprising of just 35 plots
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Cae Onan Morda £60,000

- THIS PROPERTY IS FOR SALE ON A 50% SHARED OWNERSHIP BASIS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE FURTHER SHARES
- Immaculately presented 2 Bed End Terrace Hse
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Kitchen & Cloaks
- Enclosed rear garden & off road parking



Church View Hadnall £345,000

- BRAND NEW 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home with Integral Garage
- Open plan Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room
- Spacious Living room with bay window and Cloakroom
- Master Bedroom with fitted wardrobes and En-suite
- Three further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden, Integral Garage and Driveway
- PART EXCHANGE OR HELP TO BUY IS AVAILABLE (Help to Buy Price £276,000)



Park Crescent Park Hall £299,995

- A rare opportunity to purchase a spacious Detached 4 Bedroom Family Home
- Situated in the popular hamlet of Park Hall
- Entrance Hall, Ground Floor Shower Room, Lounge
- Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room
- and Family Room
- 4 good size Bedrooms (master en-suite) and Family Bathroom
- Large Gardens to the front and rear
- 2 driveways to either side of the property & single garage
- Gas central heating and uPVC double. EPC Rating



Balmoral Crescent Oswestry £234,995

- Spacious and well appointed 5 Bedroom Detached House with Annex accommodation
- Porch, Ent Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Dining Room
- 5 first floor Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Annex accommodation comprises:
- Living Rm, Bedrm & Shower Rm
- Large patio with covered seating area with lawned garden beyond
- Tarmac driveway to the fore provides ample off road parking
- Gas central heating and double glazing



Hawthorn Close £144,995

- A well appointed 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Porch, Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory
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Agents reporting a rise in clients seeking advice over loan debts

Estate agents in the UK are regularly asked advice about mortgages but they have noticed a rise recently in demand for potential solutions to interest only loans repayments and lifetime mortgages.

New research from equity release referral service Key Partnership has found that 43 per cent say that the number of customers forced to sell to pay off interest only mortgage debts has increased over the past two years.

The research also found that mortgage debt issues are particularly affecting older customers trying to downsize to less expensive houses to release cash and 73 per cent of would be downsizers paying off home loans.

Overall the survey found that some 58 per cent of estate agents say clients want support on mortgages but just 50 per cent of estate agents believe that they know enough about such issues and 52 per cent would be more likely to suggest equity release as a solution if they had a partnership with an independent expert adviser.

Data from the Council of Mortgage Lenders shows the number of outstanding interest only mortgages has fallen by more than a third since 2012 but what is not evident for maturing loans is how they are actually being repaid.

Loans

The evidence points to the fact that far too many are having to sell their homes to clear the outstanding debt.

Industry data shows around 10,000 borrowers a year between now and 2020 will come to the end of interest only loans, with either a projected shortfall from their repayment strategy or no strategy at all, and many will see equity release as a solution to their capital repayment deadline.

"Selling up to pay off an interest only mortgage can make financial sense but it is worrying if older home owners are being forced to sell and are not aware of all their options.

"Equity release enables people to stay in their home and not have to downsize, or even in extreme cases lose their house. Some lenders are engaging with equity release as a solution and we would urge others to follow," said Will Hale, director at Key Partnerships.

"Estate agents are valued as a source of financial guidance and it is clear that those who can discuss equity release as an alternative to selling will be able to benefit from an additional revenue stream by referring potential clients to a specialist," he added.

Brexit and hung parliament fail to dampen house market

House prices in the UK increased by 1.1 per cent month-on-month in June, suggesting that Brexit and a hung Parliament are not dampening the residential property market.

The latest index from lender the Nationwide shows that the monthly rise effectively erases the decline recorded over the previous three months. Year-on-year prices are up 3.1 per cent, taking the average price of a home to £211,301.

The data also shows that the gap in house price growth between the strongest and weakest performing regions in the second quarter of the year was the smallest on record.

Robert Gardner, Nationwide's chief economist, explained that price growth in the South of England has moderated, converging with the rates prevailing in the rest of the country. In the second quarter the gap ranged from five per cent in strongest performing region of East Anglia to one per cent in the North of England, the weakest region.

Demand

"At this point it is unclear whether the increase in house price growth in June reflects strengthening demand conditions on the back of healthy gains in employment and continued low mortgage rates, or whether the lack of homes on the market is the more important factor," Gardner said.

"While survey data suggests that new buyer enquiries have softened, it also indicates that this has been matched by a decline in new instructions. Indeed, the number of properties on estate agents' books remains close to all-time lows," he added.



He pointed out that given the ongoing uncertainties around the UK's future trading arrangements due to Brexit, the economic outlook remains unusually uncertain, and housing market trends will depend crucially on developments in the wider economy. "Nevertheless, in our view, household spending is likely to slow in the quarters ahead, along with the wider economy, as rising inflation squeezes household budgets.

"This, together with ongoing housing affordability pressures in key parts of the country, is likely to exert a drag on housing market activity and house price growth in the quarters ahead," Gardner explained.

"However, the subdued level of building

activity and the shortage of properties on the market are likely to provide support for prices. As a result, we continue to believe that a small increase in house prices of around two per cent is likely over the course of 2017 as a whole," he concluded.

Jeremy Duncombe, director of the Legal & General Mortgage Club, pointed out that house prices continue to rise above inflation. "Whilst demonstrating the market's resilience in the face of political uncertainty, this will be sobering news for many first-time buyers who are struggling to make their first step onto the ladder," he said.

"For a healthier market, what we need to see is property prices rising in line with

inflation. More affordable housing needs to be built to allow all those who wish to do so, a better chance of achieving homeownership. More than that, however, we also need to see incentives for home movers and last time buyers looking to downsize, so that we can get our housing market on the move," he added.

Hannah Maundrell, editor-in-chief of money.co.uk, believes that there are signs that the property market is cooling with fewer people putting their property for sale, and a drop in the number of people looking to buy. "This is no great surprise, with the election thrusting us deeper into uncertainty it's sensible to be cautious," she said.

Limited company landlords face mortgage cost hit

Buy to let landlords in the UK who use a limited company for buying property could be £1,000 a year less well-off due to higher mortgage costs, according to new research.

A limited company borrower can expect to pay 3.41 per cent for a two-year fixed 75 per cent LTV mortgage deal, compared to 1.92 per cent for personal borrowers, an analysis from Private Finance suggests.

The analysis report points out that landlords investing through a limited company are excluded from recent tax changes that mean the amount of finance costs higher rate taxpayers can deduct from their rental income before calculating their tax bill is being gradually phased out.

The restriction will be complete from April 2020. But for most landlords, the high cost of limited company mortgage borrowing will outweigh any tax advantages.

The findings suggest only landlords with multiple properties benefit from a limited company structure, with four properties being the tipping point in Private Finance's research.

Landlords looking to repurchase existing homes into a limited company are also likely to lose out as this move triggers costly capital gains and stamp duty taxes. The analysis suggests it is more cost-effective for new landlords purchasing one investment property to do so as an individual rather than through a limited company.

A landlord earning £46,010 annually, that is £35,000 base salary plus £11,010 in rental income as the



average for a two-bedroom house in the UK, will have £36,194 in take-home income if purchasing as an individual after tax and mortgage costs have been deducted.

According to the firm's calculations, if the same landlord purchased through a limited company, they would earn £34,825 in take-home income: £1,369 or four per cent less. The main reason is that limited company borrowers pay higher rates on mortgage borrowing, with this putting a significant dent in net income.

Due to the higher cost of mortgage borrowing, the benefits of purchasing investment properties through a limited company are felt only when multiple buy to let homes are bought. Limited company landlords can subtract mortgage interest costs from their rental income before calculating their corporation tax. Even when paying income tax on a regular salary in addition to corporation tax, limited company borrowers will have

a significantly reduced tax bill. However, having less to pay in tax eventually outweighs higher mortgage costs, but in the example used by Private Finance, this is only achieved once four or more properties are purchased.

The firm also suggests that for landlords who already have a number of buy to let properties, one option is to repurchase into a limited company structure. However, this incurs two major tax bills: capital gains and stamp duty, making it an inadvisable move for landlords with a small number of properties who do not have much to gain from being in a limited company.

"The option to invest through a limited company has come under the spotlight recently as landlords look for ways to offset recent tax changes. But landlords shouldn't rush into this assuming it's a safe bet for saving money," said Shaun Church, director of Private Finance.

"Limited company mortgage products are available through a handful of smaller lenders, resulting in higher rates compared to personal borrowing. Investors need to drive down mortgage costs as much as possible to prevent this from eating into their profits," he explained.

"Larger landlords might find the tax benefits associated with limited company ownership outweigh the higher cost of mortgage borrowing. Each investor is different and there's no one size fits all solution. Landlords should ensure they seek professional advice on how best to maximise their profits: an independent mortgage broker can help explain the range of options available to limited company and personal buy to borrowers," he added.

Home is full of key features and enjoys great views

PECKNALL
£875,000 >>>

Privacy, panoramic views and a swimming pool, pile on the appeal at Shotton Farm, near Halfway House.

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The total footprint at Shotton Farm, incorporating a double garage and two good sized offices, account for 482 square metres. Balfours are marketing Shotton Farm with a guide price of £875,000.

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Truly stunning detached home in sought after village

KINNERLEY
£295,000

A truly stunning detached family home, 38 Coly Anchor, Kinnerley, lies in a quiet position in a highly sought after village. It is for sale through Town & Country at £295,000 with no chain.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a covered porch, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility, guest WC, master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. In more detail the entrance hall has oak flooring, stairs off and an under-stairs cupboard.

The lounge has oak flooring and an Aarrow cast iron burning stove inset with a tiled hearth and brick inset. There is a square bay window to the front and the lounge opens onto the dining area. Being beautifully appointed, the kitchen/dining room has a range of modern gloss fronted base and contrasting wall units with oak worktops over, a one and a half bowl Franke sink, eye level double Indesit electric oven, ceramic induction hob, a chimney style extractor fan over, integrated Indesit dishwasher, integrated fridge/



freezer, porcelain tiled flooring and a spotlighting, contemporary radiator. The dining area has porcelain tiled flooring and French doors to the rear garden, a contemporary radiator, breakfast bar and spotlighting.

The utility has porcelain tiled flooring, a further sink, extractor fan, spotlighting, plumbing for a washing machine and a part glazed door to the rear garden. A door leads to the guest WC. Upstairs, all the doors are finished in oak with polished chrome handles.

The spacious master bedroom has a recessed area leading to the en suite, a square bay window to the front and an en-suite. Bedroom two overlooks the rear. Bedroom four is L-shaped and again has views over the rear. The family bathroom features a luxury suite.

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Stunning farmhouse with superb views and large grounds

LLANRHAEDR
£450,000 <<<

Clynog, Llanrhadeir Ym Mochnant near Oswestry is a stunning Grade II listed farmhouse in an elevated position with outstanding views over the Tanat Valley.

It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £450,000.

The property is situated on the outskirts the picturesque village of Llanrhadeir-ym-Mochnant close to the confluence of the River's Tanat and Rhadeir in the stunning Berwyn Mountains and near Pistyll Rhadeir. The village itself has a good range of local amenities.

In brief, the property has a reception hall, music room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen lounge, kitchen, utility room, rear lobby, coal house, gallery landing, a loft storage room, integral garage, gun room, five first floor bedrooms, a family bathroom, five attic rooms, large gardens and an orchard/paddock.

Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.



Special Report: Health

Town council gives support to campaigners

OSWESTRY town councillors have thrown their weight behind calls to keep the town's maternity unit open.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Trust's board last week agreed to close the unit for up to six months because of sickness in the region's maternity services.

Bosses said that the move is needed to ensure safe levels of staffing at its consultant-led unit at Telford's Princess Royal Hospital. Oswestry town councillors last week unanimously pledged their support to local campaigners to fight to keep the midwife-led unit open at the orthopaedic hospital at Gobowen.

It comes after Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council also backed the campaigners. Campaigner Liz Grayston has thanked the town council for its backing as support for the campaign rolls in day after day, adding this was not at all about politics.

She said: "The support from the town council is overwhelming. It was unanimous and clear everyone is with this, you know the support is there but it is nice to have it confirmed. We need to be unified in this and everyone is, we are massively against all these plans, and it isn't about parties it is about being unified."

'Sort problems or resign' call

HOSPITAL chiefs have been urged to consider resigning over the state of the county's maternity services.

The call has come in an open letter to the board of Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust (SaTH) from a mother whose daughter's death was ruled as being avoidable by a coroner.

Earlier this year an inquest said the death of Kayleigh Griffiths' daughter Pippa from a Group B Strep infection could have been avoided if it were not for failings in information provided by SaTH.

In her letter Mrs Griffiths outlines a number of concerns.

Mrs Griffiths said: "Can you imagine what it is like to be a pregnant woman in Shropshire at the moment? It's terrifying. You owe it to them, and you owe it to us, the already bereaved families of babies who should never have died, to wake up and accept the problems you have, and if you can't do that you must step down."

Julia Clarke of Telford NHS Trust said: "I met with Kayleigh and Colin. I was very moved by everything I heard and I will be sharing that with my colleagues."

Timely revamp for family room

A HOSPITAL room used for delivering often difficult news to relatives of patients receiving treatment for severe and life-threatening illnesses and injuries has been transformed.

Not happy concerned relatives of patients on the intensive therapy unit at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital were being delivered updates in a clinical and uninviting room, healthcare assistant Sue Price took it upon herself to give the room a makeover.

Much of the funding for the transformation has come via donations from families who have used the room in the past.

Sue, one of the trust's end of life champions, said: "The room was very bleak and not a nice place to take relatives into at what can often be a very difficult time. With the support of my managers I made it my mission to give the room a makeover and I am thrilled with how it now looks."

Calls to charity helpline increase

A SPIKE in cancer patients seeking help with money worries has been reported by a charity. Macmillan Cancer Support said its helpline had 4,546 calls in 2016 – an increase from 2,000 calls received in 2015 – from people needing guidance on banking, mortgages, pensions and insurance.

Hospital's new radiotherapy machine will help to treat more cancer patients



Radiotherapy staff with the new equipment

HOSPITAL staff can provide radiotherapy treatment to more cancer patients with a new piece of equipment.

A Linear Accelerator (Linac) has been delivered to the radiotherapy department in the Lingen Davies Centre at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH), funded by the Lingen Davies Action Appeal.

A Linac is a machine that delivers radiotherapy treatment to cancer patients.

The department previously had two machines but a third was required to ensure that all cancer patients receive efficient and effective treatment.

Louise Killey, radiotherapy manager at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust,

Report by Amy Downard

said: "We are thrilled with the arrival of the additional Linac as it means we can provide the most accurate radiotherapy treatment possible to all cancer patients, while ensuring minimal side effects and improving quality of life. This expansion of our radiotherapy service will help us to meet increasing demand and also to ensure that we can continue to deliver high quality radiotherapy with better outcomes for our patients."

The new Linac cost around £1.5 million.

The Lingen Davies Action Appeal raised £750,000 of that money and the trust match-

funded the rest. Having reached the funding target four months early, the action appeal was extended to raise a further £166,000 for a Perfect Pitch Couch. This enhances the effectiveness of the radiotherapy and will improve accuracy and efficiency.

Ms Killey added: "Thank you to the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund for launching the appeal and to everyone who has provided so much fantastic support."

Louise Dawson, fundraising manager at Lingen Davies which is an independent charity supporting cancer care in Shropshire and Mid Wales, said: "We are extremely grateful for all the donations that have enabled us to reach our target."

Closure of maternity units 'a brutal attempt to cut costs'

Report by Amy Downard

A CAMPAIGN group has criticised a decision to close three rural maternity units for up to six months.

The move to close Ludlow, Oswestry and Bridgnorth midwife-led maternity units was taken by the board of Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust last Thursday.

Gill George, of Shropshire Defend Our NHS, has rejected the trust's claim that the decision has been taken to ensure safe staffing of its flagship consultant-led maternity unit at Princess Royal Hospital Telford.

She said it is instead evidence of more cuts to NHS services, and goes against other areas of the country where work is being done to give women more options for giving birth.

A protest march has also been organised to take place in Oswestry on Sunday.

Mrs George said: "They say that 85 per cent of women are using the consultant-led unit and that's why they have to close the three rural maternity units. We think they can't possibly have read the 2016 national recommendations in 'Better Births'. Everywhere else in the country, work's going on to give women more choice – to invest in accessible midwife-led care for women with low-risk pregnancies, so they can give birth close to home.

"It beggars belief that SaTH is closing midwife-led units to move more and more resources to the consultant-led unit.

"The reality is that these are cost-driven cuts.

"This is the latest and most brutal attempt we've seen so far. We keep beating them back, but they're doing everything they can to avoid listening to mothers in our rural communities."

SaTH has said that a combination of short and long-term sickness, and "a significant fall in the number of midwives prepared to work overtime or temporary bank shifts to cover shifts at times of sickness" has made it difficult to fully staff its maternity sites.

All three units have seen temporary closures at short notice in recent months due to staffing issues.

Deirdre Fowler, director of nursing, midwifery and quality at SaTH, said that the demands on the consultant-led unit in Telford have meant more staff are needed at the hospital.



Concerns over the future of the county's midwife-led units have already prompted several protests – another is planned for Sunday

Baby deaths still too high – report

STILLBIRTH and infant deaths at the trust which controls Shropshire's two hospitals are still "too high", a report says.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust has published an internal review of maternity services after concerns were raised.

It found that patient safety had dramatically improved but that there was more work to be done. Simon Wright, chief executive at SaTH, said: "This is not where we want to be. We want to provide an outstanding service and that is the journey we are currently on. Perinatal deaths have fallen since 2009, but we recognise that further action is needed

so that this continues to fall. We have made a determined effort to improve monitoring of babies' heartbeats, including regular training and investment in equipment to promote safer use and better interpretation of results."

Colin Ovington, lead reviewer and interim director of nursing and quality at SaTH, said the trust had put in place a number of actions to promote safer use and interpretation of CTGs – which is the recording of a baby's heartbeat.

He said: "CTG monitoring is one of the most crucial areas of risk management of women and babies in the antenatal and intrapartum

period. Learning from Barking Havering and Redbridge Trust, SaTH have put in place a number of actions to promote safer use and interpretation of CTGs.

"This includes; a fresh eyes approach to reduce the CTG being misread, increased staff training, CTG machines in the consultant unit being all the same and appointing a midwife specific to CTG training.

"Infant deaths are still way too high – but the trust is working hard to tackle that."

Figures show there were 8.3 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2009, and 6.8 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2015.

Bosses outline reasons for decision to close facilities

HEALTH bosses have outlined why they have decided to close Shropshire's three midwife-led units for up to six months.

The decision on the Bridgnorth, Ludlow, and Oswestry midwife-led units (MLU) was taken at a meeting on Thursday last week.

At a meeting of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Trust's board, health officials said the closure was due to making sure Telford's Princess Royal Hospital's (PRH) consultant-led unit can be safely staffed.

A shortage of staff at the trust has meant

the three MLUs have all faced short-term closures in recent months.

Currently the consultant-led unit at PRH is unable to provide one to one care during labour.

Deirdre Fowler, director of nursing, midwifery and quality at SaTH, said: "The consultant-led unit sees about 85 per cent of births in the county. An increasing number of women are choosing to give birth at our consultant-led unit in Telford, rather than at our MLUs. In 2008/2009 MLU births, including

home births, accounted for 26 per cent of our activity but in 2016/17 this figure has fallen to 13.1 per cent. However at 3am in the morning 33 per cent of our staff are in the MLUs, where there is less activity. These plans will release three midwives and three health care workers."

Ms Fowler added: "In December 2016 we had a shortage of 40 shifts which our midwives covered by doing over time. That is not the case anymore – recently we had 60 shifts to cover and a 30 per cent drop off in staff pre-

pared to do over time. It has also been a real challenge to recruit recently. Currently we have been unable to provide one to one care during labour which is a concern. We have seen an increase of complexed women attending the consultant unit – more older women and more women with high BMIs or who smoke. These women need one to one care and we currently cannot deliver it. The temporary closure should give us time to come up with an interim solution, while a longer term sustainable solution is being worked on."

Students rewarded for their outstanding efforts



Rachel Roberts and Noah Kynaston-Evans with rotarians Paul Crosby and John Croft

STUDENTS at Oswestry School have been rewarded for their outstanding efforts.

Two young writers from the school have competed against students from Southport, Nantwich and Llanidloes in a district competition.

From around 400 entries Rachel Roberts won the senior section and Noah Kynaston-Evans was the intermediate section winner in the Oswestry competition, before being entered

into the national competition, where both were judged to be 'highly commendable.'

After presentation of the certificates to Rachel and Noah for their success in both district and national levels of the competition at Oswestry School, Rachel was also presented with the John Cranwell Young Writer Award for the best local entry into the Rotary Young Writer competition. The late rotarian John Cranwell was a founder member of Borderland

Rotary and, for many years, was an antique bookseller trading as "Bookworld" in Beatrice Street, Oswestry.

Meanwhile, a young sheep breeder and Oswestry School pupil has been handed a major award from Cancer Research after raising £18,000 in less than 12 months.

Tom Evans was recently handed the 'Flame of Hope' award by the charity for his sterling work in raising money.



Louise Aubrey from Cancer Research presents Tom Evans with his Flame of Hope award

Tom decided to start fundraising for Cancer Research when he found out his grandmother had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

As a keen sheep breeder Tom decided to dye one of his sheep pink in aid of Cancer Research and take it with him to local agricultural shows around the country during the 2016 summer season.

His initial target was £5,000, but by Christmas Tom had raised just under £18,000.

Spikes are found on country lane

METAL spikes have been placed along a country lane to deter 4x4 drivers from using it, a green lane driving group has claimed.

The Whitestones Green Lane between Llanarmon DC and Plas Nantyr, Llangollen is popular with off-road drivers.

But after a vehicle received three punctures a fortnight ago, the North Wales Green Lane Association bought metal detectors and discovered 12 metal spikes.

The association, which promotes sensible driving and the protection of ancient roads, says the wholly unacceptable practice affects not just vehicles, but horses, walkers and bike riders.

The spikes are believed to be caltrops, spikes that are arranged in such a manner that one of them always points upward from a stable base and were historically used as a weapon against cavalry.

Darren Henson, from North Wales Green Lane Association, said the metal spikes had been recovered from the lane after members raised funds to buy the metal detectors.

Mr Henson said: "There's no excuse to put these in the lanes. It could endanger life.

"For us, 4x4, it's an inconvenience but if dogs or horses step on it, it'll be a different case. If a horse stood on it, it could be put down and who knows about the rider.

"We're not doing any harm.

"Some people just don't want us driving there."

North Wales Police said it was aware of reports of spikes.

Stars turn out to help good causes in charity soccer game



Emmerdale's Danny Miller in action in the charity football match at the weekend



The two teams and supporters release balloons ahead of the game at The Venue at Park Hall

Report by Jonny Drury

AN annual charity football match has raised £3,000 for two good causes.

The game at The Venue at Park Hall near Oswestry, featuring a host of celebrities, attracted a crowd of more than 600 people.

The annual game began in 2015 to raise money for Hope House Children's Hospice, based at Morda near Oswestry, and Once Upon A Smile.

Among the stars to take part in the fundraiser at the weekend was Emmerdale actor Danny Miller and X-Factor and I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here contestant Jake Quickenden. Actor Daniel Jillings also played for the celebrity team.

In recent years, £11,000 has been raised in memory of Zackery Dell through the celebrity football matches. Zackery was born in May 2014, but passed away minutes later.

One of the organisers, Graham Sutton, was approached by his parents Gemma and Oscar, and the first charity football kicked off in 2015.

It was in conjunction with actor Danny Miller who raises money for the Once Upon A Smile charity which provides support to families who have a child suffering a serious illness.

Other families who have suffered the same situation as Gemma and Oscar were invited to the game, and organiser Mr Sutton said it was an emotional day.

Danny Miller's side couldn't get revenge for two previous defeats as Jack Harris, Iwan Matthews and Dave Hartshorn scored in a comfortable 3-0 with for Zack's XI.



Gemma Dell with team captains Danny Miller and Andy Ford at the charity football match in memory of Zackery Dell

Firms urged to take part in competition

ORGANISERS have called for firms to submit their entries for this year's Powys Business Awards.

The deadline for submission of entries is Sunday.

This year sees a range of new categories added including recognition for environmental and quality excellence. The awards are an opportunity for all businesses, social enterprises and charities in Powys to compete for a chance to be a finalist no matter if they are large or small or if they are a new start-up or an existing business.

Ceri Stephens, group manager for Mid Wales Manufacturing Group, said: "The Powys Business Awards provides a fantastic platform for businesses to raise their profile. Those who enter the awards are independently judged on their excellent standards.

"The awards also provides a public forum where finalists can gather in the presence of other business leaders and their peers to celebrate their success on the night."

Further details on all the awards can be found on the website www.powysbusinessawards.co.uk

Training scheme proves popular

AN apprentice training programme run by a Welshpool engineering business has proved a big hit among young prospective engineers in Mid Wales.

Dawson Shanahan has filled all the apprentice places up for grabs, having experienced an overwhelming response from the local community.

Despite only opening less than one year ago, over 30 young local residents applied for a place in Dawson Shanahan's engineering training school. With four places available, the firm has awarded places to three first year apprentices and one Level 3 apprentice. This takes the number of apprentices currently on the programme to eight.

Starting at the end of August, the four new apprentices will develop the skills, knowledge and experience required to accelerate their careers in today's fast-moving world of engineering.

Scheme will boost bee population

A PROJECT that will see a town bloom with hundreds of new bee-friendly plants has been selected for a carrier bag scheme.

The size of the grant from the Tesco's Bags of Help scheme to Shropshire Wildlife Trust will be decided by Tesco shoppers in Ellesmere, who will be given tokens to vote for one of three schemes.

The Oswestry Branch of Shropshire Wildlife Trust has put together the plan to make the town more wildlife-friendly by planting nectar-rich plants, shrubs and trees. Trust member, Sarah Gibson, said: "It will look lovely, smell gorgeous and help our bees. Many of our wild bees are in serious decline because of a massive loss of wildflower habitats. The good news is that people can do a lot to help them by growing nectar-rich plants in their gardens." The project will involve improving two sites in Oswestry town centre, Cae Glas Park and the garden of local, independent cinema, Kinokulture.

Sarah said: "We will work with the town council to replant the sensory garden with a selection of bee-friendly, colourful perennials, while the garden at Kinokulture will be reinvigorated, with new planting and management of existing features, including the willow tunnel, which can now be pruned back into shape. Willow is a very good source of food for bees. Most of this work will be carried out by local volunteers, led by the Oswestry Branch of Shropshire Wildlife Trust, but some of it will involve specialist contractors."

Villagers are urged to get snapping area

RESIDENTS of three villages are being urged to submit their photographs in a bid to be featured on the front cover of a newsletter.

Three Parishes Big Local is offering local residents the opportunity to have their photo of the Weston Rhyn, St Martins or Gobowen area featured on the front cover of the Messenger.

The Messenger is a fortnightly what's on guide to events and activities in their area and copies are available to pick up in various points in the three villages.

Communications and community project officer Paula Pugh said: "We are looking for photographs of buildings, places of local interest and the local countryside that show the beautiful places we live in."

The competition is open to anyone who lives or works in St Martins, Gobowen or Weston Rhyn. Entries should either be emailed to info@big-local.org.uk or dropped off at one of the collection points, clearly marked Messenger Photograph Competition, at Weston Rhyn Village Institute, Gobowen Library, St Martins Centre, or Qube, Oswald Road, Oswestry, SY11 1RB.

Closing date is July 31.

Views of youth sought on savings

YOUNGSTERS in Powys are being asked for their views on the future of youth services as part of plans to save over £200,000.

Powys County Council wants to find out what youngsters think of changes to services.

Councillor Rachel Powell said: "As the new portfolio holder for youth in Powys, I am very keen to meet frontline staff and public users to ascertain what is working well and what, if any, changes can be implemented to enhance the current service provision for young people."

"While financial considerations have to be taken into account, this service should not be solely budget-driven, it has to reflect the needs of young people."

The survey runs until Sunday, August 13.

It can be accessed at www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay.

Picture focus



Lord Robert Winston spoke to youngsters during the Festival of Education



Lord Robert Winston provided inspiration to the students at the festival



Pupils from Weston Rhyn School get up close to an animatronic dinosaur

Festival speakers provide inspiration to youngsters

Report by Jonny Drury

RENOWNED professor Lord Robert Winston and Olympic sprinter Darren Campbell were among top names who spoke at an annual festival of education.

Lord Winston, who pioneered gynaecological surgical techniques that improved fertility treatment in the 1970s, spoke to students and teachers from all over Shropshire at the festival, staged at the Marches School in Oswestry.

During his career he developed improvements to IVF treatment and pre-implantation diagnoses, which allowed embryos to be screened for genetic diseases.

He is also a TV presenter, Lord Winston sits as part of the Labour Party in the House of Lords often talking on education and science topics, and has won numerous awards for his work.

Speaking at the festival on Thursday last week, Lord Winston said: "I haven't seen much of the school but it is a fantastic and important event for academic scientists."

"It is great to meet students and answer questions on my career."

Influenced

"Hopefully the young people will be influenced by what they have learned and heard."

Despite having a long and successful career in science, Lord Winston said: "I put a lot of it down to luck."

He was just one of a string of high-profile names that were attracted to this year's festival.

Executive headteacher Sarah Longville was delighted with the line-up and the work the staff and students had done to make the event a success.

She added: "It is bigger and better than last year, and is a special experience with some renowned speakers, and it is fantastic we can attract them here."

"It is all about the children, sometimes it is too much about league tables, but it should be about the children having fun, enjoyment, and learning from different people."

Fantastic

"The children here are fantastic and have done a wonderful job today."

Business people and teachers came to the school from across the county and the country to hear from different speakers, one being keynote speaker Andy Buck.

Mr Buck has set up two educational leader-



Olympic sprinter Darren Campbell with some fans

ship organisations. He praised the event and the work put in to attract speakers and teachers from all over the country.

He said: "This part of the world is very rural, and sometimes cut off but an event like this helps for everyone to learn from each other."

"For events like this you would usually have to travel, but is a local opportunity for teachers and students, but for others to come in and see what is done here."

Mr Buck, who spoke for an hour on leadership, set up the organisations along with #honk, which provides teachers with all sorts of content and tools for learning.



Students listen intently to Darren Campbell during the Festival of Education

He added: "In a time when budgets are stretched, this content is a great way for teachers to get free tools to help with their lessons and learning."

Former British Olympic sprinter Darren Campbell MBE spoke to students about his rise in sport, and explained to them that anything is possible.

Darren, who won gold in the 4x100 metre relay in Athens in 2004, said: "It is so important for me to be able to come and give something back, I think if I had the chance to do something like this and listen to an athlete I would maybe have had success sooner."

"Bringing my medals helps to inspire people, and I explain to them don't be afraid to dream big."

"Looking back my dream at 12 to become Olympic champion was stupid, but I believed it and it happened."

"The event itself is unbelievable, how people achieve is by learning from each other and sharing success, which is what today is about."

"No one ever achieved anything on their own."

Mrs Longville has already been looking ahead to next year, and the dream speakers would be Brian Cox and David Walliams.

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Rick: Angels really are on my side

When Rick Astley walked away from the music business at the age of 27, he imagined that would be that. The singer had sold the best part of 40 million records and his 1987 song Never Gonna Give You Up had been a number one hit single in 25 countries and won a Brit Award.

His retirement in 1993 was meant to be for real. And when he re-emerged in 2007, he imagined it would be just for laughs and a few bob here and there. The last thing he expected was hitting number one on the album chart at the age of 50.

And yet the singer has led a charmed life. He only joined his band, FBI, because the singer had left for a career as a hairdresser. And he only came to the attention of Pete Waterman because he was working as a recording studio tea boy, or so the story goes.

"I don't think anybody around me or anybody who knows me was expecting that, to have a number one album in the UK again. That was pretty freaky."

Rick went to number one last year and has been riding the crest of a wave ever since. He's played sold out shows across the UK and is back to headline Saturday's Cannock Chase gig for Forest Live, with special guest Rumer.

He wasn't particularly nervous about the release of 50. He had realistic expectations – that didn't involve getting to number one. He hoped the record would be well promoted and that people would, a) get to hear it, and, b) enjoy it.

"In a lot of ways, no, really, there wasn't any pressure. I didn't have anything to be nervous about — because, like I said, we didn't really have any expectations. I made this record myself in my own studio at home. I wrote it all, produced it, played all the instruments. It was a labour of love. It's been something I kind of wanted to do to mark my 50th birthday, which was this year, but obviously I was making the record last year. I didn't anticipate anything fantastic happening. I just kind of thought, 'Well, we'll see how we can put the record out and we'll see how it goes.'"

The most remarkable aspect of 50 was its sheer quality. A spiritual record, it was deeply soulful and rich in sound. Rick was happy with that aspect of it – and thrilled that it earned him a gold disc by selling more than a quarter of a million copies.

"I think, for me, even as a small kid, I sang in choirs – at the church choir, school choir. They weren't gospel choirs, that's for sure, but the idea of singing with other people. When I was having Never Gonna Give You Up and a couple of the other hits, I wouldn't have thought that deeply about certain lyrics. I don't think, because they were pop songs – it was like, 'girl meets boy, boom', you know. Having lived a bit longer now, I think certain things that have happened in my life have definitely changed the way I feel about things.

"The song Angels On My Side is about the fact that I have two elder brothers and an older sister and

they looked out for me a lot. My mum and dad got divorced – and obviously, my mum and dad looked after me – but I'm saying having older brothers and an older sister, that could have gone one of two ways. They could have neglected the youngest kid, and I don't think they did. I think they looked after me. That's happened right through my career, as well: I've had good people around me. I've still got most of my sanity. And I've still got some money, which is a freaky thing in this industry sometimes. When people have a pop career, they kind of get churned up and thrown out the other end, and they have a disastrous life sometimes after it. And I've had a charmed, amazing life."

Rick had a testing childhood because his mum and dad lost a son before he was born and became very unhappy, before going their separate ways. That upbringing led him to music because he found his escape by singing.

"When you're around two people who are very, very, very unhappy, i.e. your parents, it's really tough – and that's why I got into music, I think. I wanted to be at the school choir. I wanted to be at church, even though I wasn't necessarily very religious. I just wanted to be

Rick headlines the Forest Live gig on Cannock Chase on Saturday



I've had good people around me. I've still got most of my sanity

somewhere else with people my own age and singing really helped me. One of the songs on the album is called Keep Singing, and that's kind of, again, what that is about – that singing's been good for me."

And yet Rick didn't imagine that he'd be as successful as he's been. He certainly didn't anticipate becoming a star in the USA, where Whenever You Need Somebody became a double platinum album.

"To be honest, having success in America, a couple number ones and a few top tens, you kind of think, 'It doesn't get any bigger than that'. But then again, I would look at other artists around my time – if you look at George Michael's career through the 80s and into the 90s and stuff, I mean, it's on a different league, a different level. Another British guy, obviously. So I think, to be fair, it was four or five years of being really famous. And I wouldn't swap it for anything: It was an amazing experience, you know, because I made quite a lot of money. And I'm one of those people who actually wants to say that, because the way I look at the money side of it is that it bought me freedom. I've been free to do a lot of other things that I wanted to do. Nothing maybe too extravagant, but just freedom."

● For more entertainment news and reviews see The Ticket in your Shropshire Star every Friday.

Line-dancing sessions help out charity

REGULAR line-dancing sessions have led to thousands of pounds being raised for charity.

Weekly line dancers from across Shropshire have raised £15,000 over the past 12 months, which has been presented to the Midlands Air Ambulance at a social evening held at The Comrades Club, Ellesmere.

The fundraisers are all regular attendees of Dance with Sandra classes, which are held at venues including Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Wattleborough and Ellesmere and run by Sandra Speck, of Harmer Hill, near Shrewsbury.

The money was raised over a 12-month period through a sponsored

'dance a mile' event held at classes throughout one week in March and an all day charity event with over 250 dancers held at Wrexham in April, together with weekly raffles and many donations.

Sandra Speck said: "We have raised money for various charities over the years but I was inspired to raise funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance after club member Sheila Barnes, of Llanfair Caereinion, was injured in a road traffic accident nine years ago and wouldn't be here today if she hadn't been lucky enough to be rescued by the helicopter and taken to hospital so quickly. My thanks go to the dancers themselves who create such a great fun and friendly

atmosphere at our weekly sessions and who tirelessly work to promote fundraising ideas and also give so generously themselves to this charity, which provides such essential support to the whole region." Receiving a cheque for £15,580 was Shropshire fundraiser for the MAA, Maria Jones, who added: "Every year we simply say, wow! As this is an absolutely amazing amount of money to have been raised in such a short time by a relatively small group and brings the overall total donated by Sandra and her dancers to nearly £85,000 over the past nine years." Maria received the cheque from Sandra watched by just a few of the fundraisers.



Coming soon...

Shakespeare at the castle

One of the region's historic castles will be hosting an open air production of a William Shakespeare play.

The Illyria theatre group will be performing A Comedy of Errors at Montgomery Castle at 7pm on August 17. Montgomery Town Councillor and organiser Mike Mills said they were delighted to be hosting another Shakespeare production.

He said: "I am thrilled to be involved with this project, last year's play was a great success, hopefully people will come along with their picnics and enjoy a superb night of outdoor theatre at one of the most dramatic venues in Montgomeryshire. There are only 180 tickets available and they are selling fast already."

The production is re-located to the town of Ephesus, Mexico, and is performed by a five-piece Mariachi band, resplendent in ponchos and sombreros.

The event will be accessible for wheelchair users, and there will be limited seating only. The play is organised by Montgomery Town Council and supported by the Arts Council of Wales' "Night Out" scheme and Hanratty's Solicitors Newtown. Due to the castle's location there is limited parking, and audience members are asked to park in Montgomery and walk to the venue. Tickets cost £15 for adults and £9 for children, and are available from Bunners Montgomery or (01686) 668442.



Top tribute acts ready to entertain their fans

A music festival will be hoping to cash in on the buzz surrounding ever-popular Glastonbury by selling its final remaining early bird tickets.

The Shrewsbury Fake Festival will see three top tribute bands take to the stage in the town's Quarry Park.

It is the second year the festival will be staged in Shrewsbury and this year Oasish, Guns2Roses and New2 will be whipping up the crowd on August 26.

"The tribute bands we have on the Fake Festivals tour have toured all around the world and we're very proud the majority of them started their journeys with Fake Festivals," says Jez Lee, owner of Fake Festivals. "If you have never experienced a tribute festival, then you should really try the Shrewsbury Fake Festival for the day, I promise you will not be disappointed."

Oasish is the country's leading tribute act to Oasis. Paul Higginson, lead singer of Oasish decided to put together the Oasis tribute act as he loved performing to crowds. "I had to research a lot into finding the right clothes and watching Liam Gallagher on stage so I could learn to mimic his moves," said Paul. Oasish have won the National Tribute Award for their uncanny likeness and sound last year. Not only are they winners, but they have also performed at Wembley Stadium when Manchester City were in the FA Cup Final.

"We were performing Wonderwall as Liam and Noel both arrived separately. They went up the escalator next to where we were playing, and I was so absorbed in the show that I missed them. Our guitarist saw Noel clapping us as he went up to his private box," he added.

Early bird tickets are on sale until midnight on July 26. Tickets can be purchased directly through www.fakefestivals.co.uk.

Oasish have been lauded as a leading tribute band



Singers will hit the right tone

Vocal harmony group The Overtones have been revealed as the headline act at this year's Shrewsbury Flower Show.

The band celebrated its fifth consecutive Top 10 UK Album, 'A Good Ol' Fashioned Christmas' at the end of last year.

And now flower show organisers have lined them up as the Saturday night finale on August 12.

Initially landing a recording deal with Warner Music in the summer of 2010, their debut album 'Good Ol' Fashioned Love' reached number four on the album chart.

Combined, their albums have sold over a million copies and have seen the group appear on numerous TV shows.

Chairman of the Shropshire Horticultural Society's arena committee, Andrew Rhodes, said: "We are delighted to be able to offer our visitors something different this year. The Overtones have enjoyed a succession of major achievements, including performing in front of 250,000 people at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Concert, and we look forward to welcoming them to our show in August."

"The Overtones are torchbearers for flat-out fantastic singing, as much as a throwback to the timeless appeal of doo-wop and Motown as they are to modern day R&B and pop."

For more information about the show and tickets visit www.shrewsburyflowershow.org.uk or call 01743 234050.



See Jason get in a muddle

FANS of Jason Manford have a chance to see him at Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena later this month.

The comedian and TV presenter will be touring his new show Muddle Class and will be at the arena on July 20.

It's been a busy few years for Jason since his last smash-hit stand up show but fans will know this nationally acclaimed comedian hasn't changed a bit. 'Muddle Class' promises to feature a wealth of new material about Jason growing up 'working class' then finding, over the years, that part of him has become 'middle class'.

Jason said: "Somebody said to me on my Facebook fan page, 'it's been ages since you've toured'. I thought 'no way, it was last year wasn't it? Anyway, long story short, they were right, it was years ago! I just got fooled cos I've been on tour doing musicals and the last tour is repeated on Dave ja Vu 13 times a day! So I've been putting some stuff together, looking at my life and how it's changed over the years, how the world has changed and how my parents haven't changed a bit!'"



NOTICE BOARD

* MARTON Village Hall near Welshpool is the latest Shropshire and Mid Wales venue to host an evening of vintage rock and roll with tributes to the Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, Jersey Boys and Elvis Presley. The event will take place on Friday next week with tickets available from Welshpool Jewellers. Tickets are priced at £10 to include supper. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. There will be a licensed bar.

* PENTRE Llifor Methodist Chapel is holding a flower festival on July 8 and 9 in support of WaterAid. The various displays will interpret the theme "The Voice of Creation" and visitors will be welcome to go along to the Welshpool venue and view floral depictions at their

leisure. Opening times are 10.30am to 4.40pm on Saturday, July 8, and 10.30am to 1.30pm on Sunday, July 9. The chapel's regular 'Bacon Buddies' will be running on Saturday until midday after which, homemade cakes and drinks will be available throughout the remainder of the day. Chapel treasurer Mandy Thomas said: "Entry to the flower festival is free but any donations received will be passed on to the charity WaterAid so we hope that as many people as possible will be encouraged to visit us. Those calling in on Sunday will also be

most welcome to join us for worship which commences at 2.30pm, when the preacher will be Rev. Bill Rowell, Welshpool." The chapel site offers both car parking and toilets and facilities suitable for disabled access. Further details on the event can be obtained on Facebook, Pentre Llifor Methodist Chapel or from (01686) 651079.

* A THEATRE company is launching a drama class for young people. The junior section of The Very Nice Production Company, based in Oswestry, will explore a wide range of performance styles and techniques tailored to their talents and interests, from devising original plays to musical theatre. Poppy King, who is running Saturday sessions

for juniors at the British Ironwork Centre, said: "Through actor training and producing theatre, our students will build confidence, creativity and teamwork skills." As well as this, VNPC Juniors will develop skills in directing, stage management and prop/set design, she said. For more information or to sign up to the classes, which cost £5, call 07592 494969 or poppyvnp@hotmail.com.

* FANCY a step back in time to the 1950s and early 60s? Then come along to Marton Village Hall near Welshpool on Friday next week when appearing on stage will be tributes to Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Billy Fury, the Jersey Boys and the Everly Brothers. Tickets are £10 each from Welshpool Jewellers.

July 8



Wimbledon 2017

12.15pm

Sue Barker introduces further live coverage of day six at the All England Club, featuring third-round matches in the men's and ladies' singles.

BBC1	
6.00	Breakfast.
10.00	Saturday Kitchen Live. Matt Tebbutt is at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, where he is joined by Neil Rankin and Andi Oliver, who cook in the show's specially designed edible garden.
11.30	Mary Berry Cooks. Recipes for a weekday supper, including a Mediterranean platter, lamb dhansak, cottage pie, a pasta dish that takes just 15 minutes, elderflower cordial, and apple crumble. (R)
12.00	BBC News; Weather.
12.15	Wimbledon 2017. Sue Barker introduces further live coverage of day six at the All England Club, featuring third-round matches in the men's and ladies' singles.
6.25	BBC News.
6.35	Midlands Today; Weather.
6.45	Pointless Celebrities. Ed Baines, Paul Rankin, Tony Singh, Cyrus Todiwala, Jean-Christophe Novelli, Jo Pratt, Richard Burr and Frances Quinn compete in a "food and drink" themed edition of the quiz. (R)
7.30	Pitch Battle. Mel Giedroyc presents the fourth heat of the choral contest, as six more ensembles compete, and guest judge Seal joins Gareth Malone and Kelis on the panel.
9.00	Casualty. Ethan discovers Scott's brother Mickey is in a secret relationship with Jez, and he seeks to befriend the lad and turn him against his sibling. However, when Mickey proves to be too terrified to help, Ethan turns to blackmail instead, earning disapproval from both Jez and Alicia. Meanwhile, Connie pulls rank on Sam when he asks for time off to take Grace to a physiotherapy session, and later, Sam spots a chance to undermine Connie while treating a bride who mysteriously collapsed at the altar.
9.50	BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.10	FILM: Little Fockers (2010). Nurse Greg is now the proud father of twins, but has yet to earn the respect of his wife's stern father after 10 years of marriage. The couple invite both sides of their extended family to the kids' birthday party, where Greg makes a desperate effort to finally prove his worth to his father-in-law. Comedy sequel, with Ben Stiller, Robert De Niro, Owen Wilson and Dustin Hoffman.
11.45	FILM: Tropic Thunder (2008). A director's epic Vietnam movie is behind schedule and over budget. Taking the advice of the grizzled war veteran on whose life the film is based, he drops the actors into a jungle with the intention of filming them fighting guerrilla-style - but the cast is unaware of the surrounding warfare is genuine. Comedy, directed by and starring Ben Stiller, with Jack Black, Steve Coogan and, in an Oscar-nominated role, Robert Downey Jr.
1.30	Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.35	BBC News.



Today at Wimbledon

8.30pm

Clare Balding introduces highlights of the sixth day's play at the All England Club, where the men's and ladies' third-round singles matches were due to reach a conclusion.

BBC2	
6.00	FILM: Lucky Partners (1940). A woman persuades a neighbour she thinks is lucky to share a sweepstake ticket, to the consternation of her fiancé. Romantic comedy, starring Ginger Rogers and Ronald Colman.
7.35	John Mills: Talking Pictures. Profile of actor John Mills. (R)
8.15	FILM: Scott of the Antarctic (1948). Fact-based drama following the British explorer's failed attempt to beat his Norwegian rivals to the South Pole in 1912. Starring John Mills, Derek Bond and James Robertson Justice.
10.00	Athletics: Diamond League Highlights. The Athletissima. Gabby Logan introduces action from the eighth meeting of the season, which took place at Stade Olympique de la Pontaise in Lausanne, Switzerland.
11.00	Wimbledon 2017. Sue Barker presents from the All England Club, where the sixth day's play gets under way with the latest men's and ladies' singles third-round matches.
12.15	Bargain Hunt. From London's Portobello Road. (R)
1.00	FILM: Father of the Bride (1950). A doting father recounts the story of his struggles to deal with the financial and emotional chaos caused by his daughter's wedding. Comedy, with Spencer Tracy and Elizabeth Taylor.
2.30	Wimbledon 2017. Sue Barker presents further live coverage on day six of the third Grand Slam tournament of the year at the All England Club, featuring the third-round matches in the singles draws.
8.30	Today at Wimbledon. Clare Balding introduces highlights of the sixth day's play at the All England Club, where the men's and ladies' third-round singles matches were due to reach a conclusion.
9.30	Museum of the Year. Tristram Hunt presents coverage of Art Fund's 2017 Museum of the Year ceremony, and meets some of the people responsible for running the museums up for recognition this year.
10.00	Mock the Week. Angela Barnes, Ed Byrne, Hal Cruttenden, Ed Gamble and Sara Pascoe join Dara O Briain and Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)
10.30	Qi XL. Bill Bailey, Jo Brand and Greg Davies join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Stephen Fry to meander through miscellaneous marriage and mating matters.
11.15	FILM: 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968). A spacecraft is sent to Jupiter to investigate the origins of a strange artefact, but the astronauts' computer turns on them. Sci-fi drama, with Keir Dullea and William Sylvester.
1.30	FILM: West (2014). An East German mother emigrating to West Germany is interrogated about her dead boyfriend, who is suspected of being a spy. Drama, with Joridis Triebel.
3.05	This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.



The Voice Kids

7.30pm

The Blind Auditions are now over, and coaches Will.i.am, Danny Jones and Pixie Lott begin to whittle down the number of would-be stars on their teams in the battle phase.

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8.25	Weekend. With Shappi Khorsandi and Bleachers.
9.25	The Home Game. Homeowners in Runcorn and the New Forest experience home makeovers. (R)
10.20	FILM: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002). The wizard returns for a second term at Hogwarts, where a strange serpentine power is attacking students. Fantasy adventure sequel, with Daniel Radcliffe and Kenneth Branagh.
1.20	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
1.30	ITV Racing: Live from Sandown. Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani present coverage of two meetings. From Sandown Park, races start at 1.50, 2.25, 3.00 and 3.35. From Haydock Park, at 2.05, 2.40 and 3.15.
4.00	The Chase. Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on quiz expert the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (R)
5.00	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs. Paul meets Battersea's longest-serving resident. (R)
5.30	Little Big Shots US. Featuring identical twin tap dancers.
6.25	ITV News Central; Weather.
6.35	ITV News and Weather.
6.45	Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.
7.30	The Voice Kids. The Blind Auditions are now over, and coaches Will.i.am, Danny Jones and Pixie Lott begin to whittle down the number of would-be stars on their teams in the battle phase.
9.00	FILM: Skyfall (2012). James Bond hunts the mastermind behind a terrorist attack on MI6, and discovers a former agent with revenge in mind. Action thriller, starring Daniel Craig and Javier Bardem.
10.05	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.20	FILM: Skyfall (2012). Continued.
12.05	The Chase. Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on quiz expert the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (R)
1.00	Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	Who's Doing the Dishes? Radio DJ Pat Sharp hosts a dinner party for four guests, who will win a cash prize if they can guess his identity from cryptic culinary clues. (R)
3.50	ITV Nightscreen.



Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights

5.30pm

Steve Jones presents action from the qualifying session at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, where the drivers battled for pole position.

Channel 4	
6.10	Motor Sport: Caterham. Action from recent races at Silverstone.
6.40	3rd Rock from the Sun. Part one of two. Don disappoints Sally. (R)
7.05	3rd Rock from the Sun. Last-ever episode. The aliens prepare to leave Earth. (R)
7.30	Everybody Loves Raymond. Ally gets a low grade at school. (R)
7.55	Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray and Frank are sent to a therapy session. (R)
8.25	Frasier. An attractive gym coach catches Frasier's eye. (R)
8.50	Frasier. Daphne's mother infuriates Martin. (R)
9.20	The Big Bang Theory. Howard and Raj try to find Sheldon a new girlfriend. (R)
9.50	The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon and Amy spend Thanksgiving together as friends. (R)
10.20	The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon is driven to distraction when a tune becomes stuck in his head. (R)
10.50	The Simpsons. Grampa inherits \$100,000. (R)
11.20	The Simpsons. Homer and Marge try to save their marriage. (R)
11.50	The Simpsons. Bart buys a rare comic. (R)
12.20	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. Gordon Ramsay visits a restaurant in Providence, Rhode Island. (R)
1.20	Four in a Bed. The competition kicks off at the Park Hotel in Gloucestershire. (R)
1.50	Four in a Bed. The second visit is to Sue's B&B in Trowbridge. (R)
2.25	Four in a Bed. The third day takes place at The Talbot in Iwerne Minster, Dorset. (R)
2.55	Four in a Bed. The contestants visit the Old Rectory in south Wales. (R)
3.30	Four in a Bed. The guest house owners meet for the last time. (R)
4.00	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. Five properties on the Costa del Sol. (R)
5.00	Channel 4 News.
5.30	Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. Action from the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg.
7.00	FILM: Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011). A genetically engineered chimpanzee develops superior intelligence and leads other apes to rebel against the human race. Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco and Andy Serkis.
9.00	FILM: Bridesmaids (2011). A disorganised woman takes charge of her best friend's bridal party, but the wife of the groom's boss causes problems. Comedy, with Kristen Wiig, Rose Byrne and Melissa McCarthy.
11.20	FILM: Red Eye (2005). A hotelier on a flight to Miami realises a passenger she has befriended is intent on involving her in a political assassination. Thriller, with Rachel McAdams and Cillian Murphy.
12.55	Ramsay's Hotel Hell. (R)
1.45	Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Milo helps Cindy to fake a robbery at The Emporium.
3.50	Ackley Bridge. (R)
4.45	Shipping Wars UK. (R)
5.15	Location, Location, Location. (R)



Blind Date

8pm

More lovelorn singletons seek a chance at romance, as recruitment consultant Antoni chooses from self-assured ladies, and a Celine Dion fan looks for a girlfriend on her wavelength.

Channel 5	
6.00	Milkshake!: Pip Ahoy! 6.10 Milkshake! Monkey 6.15 The Mr Men Show 6.25 Peppa Pig 6.30 Peppa Pig 6.35 Wissper 6.45 Paw Patrol 6.55 Bob the Builder 7.10 Fireman Sam 7.20 Olly the Little White Van 7.25 Olly the Little White Van 7.30 Paw Patrol 7.45 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.10 Noddy: Toyland Detective 8.30 Wissper 8.35 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.50 Shimmer and Shine 9.20 Little Princess 9.35 Peppa Pig 9.45 Peppa Pig 9.50 Peppa Pig 9.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10.10	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.
10.45	Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R)
11.05	Police Interceptors. Jenno joins the takedown of a man suspected to be armed. (R)
12.05	Police Interceptors. Jim and the team spring a trap on suspected drug dealers. (R)
1.00	Police Interceptors. Sean uses a manual battering ram on a raid on a drug dealer's house. (R)
2.00	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. Two neighbours in Snowdonia National Park who ended up at loggerheads. (R)
3.00	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. A woman who took issue when her neighbours started using her drop kerb and driveway. (R)
4.00	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul and Steve call for police back-up at a flat in London's Docklands. (R)
5.00	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Enforcement agents evict a woman with two children. (R)
6.00	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. The agents chase almost £3,000 owed by Indian takeaway owners, and in east London they face a race against time to recover more than £8,000 from an electrical services company. (R)
6.55	5 News Weekend.
7.00	Cricket on 5. England v South Africa. Highlights of the third day's play in the First Test of the four-match series, which took place at Lord's.
8.00	Blind Date. More lovelorn singletons seek a chance at romance, as recruitment consultant Antoni chooses from self-assured ladies, and a Celine Dion fan looks for a girlfriend on her wavelength.
9.00	Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring more games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat, as well as reactions to the latest eviction.
10.00	Live Championship Boxing. Josh Taylor v Ohara Davies. Coverage of the bout for the Commonwealth Super Lightweight title, which takes place at Braehead Arena in Glasgow.
12.00	SuperCasino.
3.10	FILM: The Darkest Hour (2011). Sci-fi horror, starring Emile Hirsch.
4.40	Access.
4.50	Great Artists. (R)
5.15	Wildlife SOS. (R)
5.40	Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.50	Roary the Racing Car. (R)

July 9



Countryfile
7pm
Anita Rani visits a groundbreaking project in Northamptonshire to incorporate wildlife conservation into a retail park, and John Craven goes in search of an elusive butterfly.



The Life Swap Adventure
8pm
A Norwegian farmer who is tiring of his demanding life swaps places with a taxi driver from Devon who wants to run a farm, but fears the financial instability. Last in the series.



The Celebrity Chase
6.30pm
Todd Carty, Jo Pavey, Saira Khan and Dominic Holland answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.



The Handmaid's Tale
9pm
Offred remembers her family's escape attempt, leading to a shocking revelation about her life before the Gilead regime that gives her a new perspective on her current situation.



OMG: Make Me a Famous Face
10.05pm
People undergoing cosmetic surgery to look like celebrities, including Katie Price, Kim Kardashian and Zayn Malik.

BBC1	
6.00	Breakfast.
9.00	The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00	Sunday Morning Live. Sean Fletcher and Emma Barnett present topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00	Sunday Politics West Midlands. The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15	Bargain Hunt. In Lincoln, antiques experts Charlie Rossand Richard Madley assist two teams competing to buy three items in the hope of making the most profit at auction. Eric Knowles presents. (R)
1.00	BBC News; Weather.
1.15	Athletics: London Anniversary Games. Gabby Logan presents continued coverage from The Olympic Stadium in London, where the ninth meeting of the Diamond League campaign takes place.
4.30	Escape to the Country. Jules Hudson heads to north Wales to help a recently retired couple find a rural retreat on a budget of £400,000 and catches up with a pair she met three years earlier. (R)
5.10	Songs of Praise. Sean Fletcher visits Mont St Michel in France to meet modern-day pilgrims and discover the history of the monastery. Josie D'Arby explores a link with a similar site in Cornwall.
5.45	How to Holiday Better. New series. Cherry Healey and Ade Adepitan find the perfect holiday for members of the public. Plus, Richard Madeley and Steph McGovern present guides to Venice and Oban.
6.35	BBC News.
6.50	Midlands Today; Weather.
7.00	Countryfile. Anita Rani visits a groundbreaking project in Northamptonshire to incorporate wildlife conservation into a retail park, and John Craven goes in search of an elusive butterfly.
8.00	Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate whether a painting in a B&B is the work of French artist Paul Delaroché, and find it may have belonged to France's last king. (R)
9.00	Poldark. Ross assembles a band of allies to free Dwight from prison. However, the rescue mission proves to have fatal consequences. George schemes to further his political ambitions.
10.00	BBC News.
10.20	Midlands Today; Weather.
10.30	Sue Barker: Our Wimbledon. The presenter travels the globe meeting Wimbledon greats such as Andy Murray, Roger Federer, Pete Sampras, Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova. (R)
11.45	The Week the Landlords Moved In. Young landlords Dan and Jamie are given a reality check. (R)
12.45	Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.50	BBC News.

BBC2	
6.00	Secrets of the Mona Lisa. Major new findings about Leonardo da Vinci's famous masterpiece. (R)
7.00	A to Z of TV Gardening. Carol Kirkwood looks at subjects beginning with the letter U. (R)
7.45	The Instant Gardener. Unloved gardens are brought back to life. (R)
8.30	Countryfile. A family making cordials and presses using their own elderflowers. (R)
9.30	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series.
11.00	Nigel Slater: Eating Together. Three one-pot dishes with origins in Iran, Brazil and Bangladesh. (R)
11.30	Hairy Bikers' Best of British. Si King and Dave Myers explore the nation's love of beer and cider. (R)
12.15	Athletics: London Anniversary Games. Gabby Logan presents coverage from The Olympic Stadium in London.
1.15	FILM: The Great Caruso (1951). Musical biopic of opera singer Enrico Caruso, starring Mario Lanza.
3.00	Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface - Natural World. A look at research into the lives of the marine mammals. (R)
3.45	Money for Nothing. Transforming items from a tip in Surrey. (R)
4.30	Rowing World Cup. Action from Lucerne, Switzerland.
5.30	Flog It! The team visits Greater Manchester. (R)
6.00	The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway: The Final Countdown. Part two of two. Engineers must construct and fit out a new station at Paddington, while a father and son team in Derby race to construct 66 trains for the Crossrail project. (R)
7.00	Dragons' Den. Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden, Touker Suleyman, Sarah Willingham and Nick Jenkins cast an eye over a parking app, a toilet flushing gadget and an idea for nail gel. (R)
8.00	The Life Swap Adventure. A Norwegian farmer who is tiring of his demanding life swaps places with a taxi driver from Devon who wants to run a farm, but fears the financial instability. Last in the series.
9.00	FILM: Foxcatcher (2014). Premiere. An Olympic wrestler joins a millionaire's personal team, but tension grows when the fighter's brother is employed as a coach. Fact-based drama, starring Steve Carell.
11.05	White Gold. In a bid to get back everything he has lost, his marriage, his livelihood and self-worth, Vincent concocts a spectacular plot to return to his rightful place. Last in the series. (R)
11.35	FILM: The Goob (2014). Premiere. A teenager develops a tense relationship with his mother's new boyfriend and becomes attracted to a worker in a pumpkin field. Drama, with Liam Walpole and Marama Corlett.
1.00	Sign Zone: Question Time. (R)
2.00	Sign Zone: Holby City. (R)
3.00	This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes.

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7.45	Thunderbirds Are Go
8.10	Ben 10
8.25	ITV News.
8.30	Weekend. With Adil Ray, Ranvir Singh and Ella Eyre.
9.25	Wild Animal Reunions. Animal keepers and caregivers reunite with their wild charges. (R)
10.15	Judge Rinder. Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
11.15	Love Your Garden. Alan Titchmarsh and his team transform a garden in Salford. (R)
12.15	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
12.25	Babushka. Game show, hosted by Rylan Clark-Neal. (R)
1.30	The Voice Kids. Emma Willis presents as the battle phase begins. (R)
3.00	Bear Grylls Survival School. The boys compete against the girls in a series of arduous outdoor challenges. (R)
3.30	FILM: Moonraker (1979). James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore.
6.00	ITV News Central; Weather.
6.15	ITV News and Weather.
6.30	The Celebrity Chase. Todd Carty, Jo Pavey, Saira Khan and Dominic Holland answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.
7.30	The Voice Kids. Will.i.am, Danny Jones and Pixie Lott must decide who out of the remaining trios will be chosen to go through to the semi-final of the junior singing talent contest.
9.00	The Loch. Annie finds murder weapons used by the killer and tracks the culprit down, leading to a dangerous confrontation in the dark corridors of the local hydro-electric dam.
10.00	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.20	Lethal Weapon. Riggs makes a shocking discovery about Miranda's death, which leads him back to the cartel in a frantic search for answers. Clayne Crawford and Kevin Rahm star. (R)
11.20	Take Me Out. Men try to impress 30 single women and win a date - but must get the female participants to keep their lights on as a sign of approval. Paddy McGuinness presents. (R)
12.25	Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	Motorsport UK. Richard John Neil presents racing from Croft.
3.50	British Superbike Championship Highlights. Round five from Snetterton.
4.40	ITV Nightscreen.
5.05	The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4	
6.10	The King of Queens. Doug turns the basement into a recreation room. (R)
6.35	The King of Queens. Doug pretends to diet. (R)
7.05	Everybody Loves Raymond. Debra invites her parents to Thanksgiving dinner. (R)
7.30	Everybody Loves Raymond. Marie displays favouritism toward Robert. (R)
7.55	Frasier. The Crane brothers' social standing grows. (R)
8.25	Frasier. The shrink turns interior designer. (R)
9.00	Frasier. Guest starring Elvis Costello. (R)
9.30	Sunday Brunch. With Caroline Flack and Ed Byrne.
12.30	Eat the Week. Simon Rimmer prepares smoked haddock koulibiak.
1.30	The Simpsons. Selma flies to China to adopt a baby. (R)
2.00	The Simpsons. Homer moves into a camper van. (R)
2.25	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. A father and son build an ambitious cliff-top retreat - with no plans. (R)
3.10	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. A couple who want to move to the Azores. (R)
4.10	Homes by the Sea. Charlie Luxton visits properties in Suffolk.
5.15	Channel 4 News.
5.45	Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix Highlights. Action from the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg.
8.00	Secrets of China's Forbidden City. Documentary exploring the palace that housed Chinese emperors for 600 years, revealing current conservation work and examining how the structure was built to withstand earthquakes.
9.00	The Handmaid's Tale. Offred remembers her family's escape attempt, leading to a shocking revelation about her life before the Gilead regime.
10.00	Epidemic: When Britain Fought Aids. The impact of the disease on British society, featuring personal stories from activists, doctors, and those whose lives were affected, including Paul O'Grady and Jean Paul Gaultier.
10.55	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts, with Sean Lock and Stephen Mangan taking on guest captain Richard Ayoade and Katherine Ryan, and Bill Bailey in Dictionary Corner. (R)
11.55	FILM: This Means War (2012). Two secret agents fall in love with the same woman and use their talents to sabotage each other's chances of romance. Comedy, with Reese Witherspoon, Chris Pine and Tom Hardy.
1.45	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. A failing New York restaurant. (R)
2.35	The Last Leg. A comic review of the past seven days. (R)
3.30	KOTV Boxing Weekly.
3.55	Gillette World Sport.
4.25	Shipping Wars UK. (R)
5.05	Location, Location, Location. Helping prospective buyers in Oxfordshire. (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	Milkshake! Milkshake! Monkey
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8.45	Shimmer and Shine
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9.50	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10.00	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.
10.35	Access. (R)
10.40	Police Interceptors. A have-a-go hero helps to tackle a runaway drug driver. (R)
11.40	Police Interceptors. (R)
12.40	Police Interceptors. Barry Peach outsmarts a disqualified driver. (R)
1.35	FILM: The Flintstones (1994). Live-action version of the cartoon comedy, with John Goodman.
3.15	Inside Windsor Castle. The recent history of the royal residence. (R)
4.15	Inside Windsor Castle. The dramatic series of events between 1936 and 1952. (R)
5.15	Inside Windsor Castle. Events that shaped the monarchy between 1952 and 1972. (R)
6.10	Inside Windsor Castle. A look at 20 years in the life of the Queen and her family, covering the era from 1972, when she celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary, to 1992. Last in the series. (R)
7.00	Crickets on 5. England v South Africa. Highlights of the fourth day's play in the First Test of the four-match series, which took place at Lord's.
7.55	5 News Weekend.
8.00	That's So 1990. Memories of the year Italy hosted the World Cup, prime minister Mrs Thatcher handed over the reins to John Major and fears of the spread of BSE - so-called mad cow disease - grew. (R)
9.00	Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
10.05	OMG: Make Me a Famous Face. People undergoing cosmetic surgery to look like celebrities, including Katie Price, Kim Kardashian and Zayn Malik. Plus, a man who wants to look like a Ken doll.
11.05	FILM: The Bounty Hunter (2010). A bail enforcement agent is assigned to track down his own ex-wife, a reporter who is investigating a murder cover-up. Action comedy, starring Gerard Butler and Jennifer Aniston.
1.10	SuperCasino.
3.10	The Hotel Inspector. (R)
4.00	Britain's Greatest Bridges. (R)
4.50	Great Artists. (R)
5.15	Wildlife SOS. (R)
5.40	Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.50	Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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Martin James

Marcella and Family would like to thank, most sincerely, all Relatives and Friends for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their bereavement, they also acknowledge with gratitude, attendance at the Funeral Mass, messages of sympathy and all donations received for Dementia UK, amounting to £450.

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Alison Rose

Graham, Rob and Family would like to thank all Relatives and Friends, for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their bereavement.

Our thanks go to all who attended the Funeral and for the kind donations received amounting to £575, to be shared between Ward 625 and ITU Section A at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

Also our special thanks go to all the Staff at the Royal Shrewsbury and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals, who gave Alison the best possible care and treatment during her illness.

Thanks to the Staff of L. Tranter and Son Funeral Directors, Owain Phelps and Rosemary Jones for their guidance during this sad time.

Our gratitude to the Reverend Alaister Wood for conducting a most uplifting Service and to the Staff of the Bradford Arms, for the warm hospitality and excellent refreshments.

HORN

Linda Anne

Graham and Family would like to thank all Relatives and Friends for messages of sympathy, cards and for the attendance at the Funeral.

Also for Donations which amounted to £150 for Multiple Sclerosis Society, (Telford Branch).

Thanks to Linda's Doctors and to the District Nurses at Oakengates Medical Practice, Carers from Allied Health Care, for treating Linda with dignity and respect over the years.

To Staff at the day Centre at Wellington Cottage Hospital and special thanks to all the Staff at L. Tranter and Sons Funeral Directors for their kindness and professionalism in particular Owain Phelps for his excellent care and understanding and Rosemary Jones for her warmth and sympathy at this sad time.

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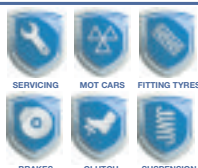
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First Teams

Premier Division

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Shrewsbury	10	8	1	1	0	181
Berkswell	10	6	3	1	0	175
Knowle & D...	10	6	3	1	0	165
Ombersley	10	7	0	3	0	150
WB Dartmouth	10	4	1	5	0	122
Kenilworth W	10	4	2	4	0	118
Walsall	10	5	0	5	0	115
Barnet Green	10	1	5	0	0	111
Wolverhampton	10	2	4	3	0	95
Dorridge	10	2	0	7	0	80
Kidderminster	10	1	1	7	0	63
Brockhampton	10	1	1	7	0	54

Division One

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Shifnal	10	6	1	3	0	154
Moseley	10	6	0	3	0	153
Smethwick	10	5	2	3	0	140
Bridgnorth	10	5	2	3	0	137
Bromsgrove	10	5	1	3	0	132
Himley	10	5	1	3	0	129
Tamworth	10	5	0	4	0	129
Barnards Green	10	4	1	5	0	122
Leamington	10	3	1	5	0	99
Walmley	10	3	1	5	0	99
Wellington	10	2	0	6	1	85
Attok	10	1	1	7	0	62

Division Two

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Oswestry	10	8	0	1	0	180
Fordhouses	10	7	0	3	0	158
C & R Hawks	10	4	2	3	0	137
Halesowen	10	4	2	3	0	132
Wombourne	10	5	0	4	0	128
Sutton Coldfield	10	3	2	3	0	116
Covenry & N.W.H.	10	4	1	4	0	111
Pershore	10	2	1	7	0	88
Old Elizabethans	10	2	1	6	0	88
Harborne	10	2	2	6	0	91
Penkridge	10	2	1	6	0	89
Old Hill	10	2	1	5	0	83

Division Three

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Lichfield	10	7	0	2	1	163
Stourbridge	10	5	2	2	1	153
Brewod	10	5	1	4	0	141
Halesowen	10	4	2	3	0	137
Newport	10	6	1	3	0	130
Millfold Hall	10	5	0	5	0	129
Sentinel	10	4	1	4	0	124
Ashted Bank	10	4	1	4	0	122
Stratford-u-Avon	10	3	0	5	0	118
Handsworth	10	3	2	4	1	103
Worce Nomads	10	2	0	8	0	87
Nuneaton	10	2	1	7	0	66

Second Teams

Premier Division

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wolverhampton	10	8	0	1	0	182
Knowle & D...	10	6	1	2	0	158
Ombersley	10	5	1	3	0	144
Kenilworth W	10	4	2	4	0	131
Shifnal	10	4	2	4	0	135
Moseley	10	4	2	4	0	125
Harborne	10	3	2	4	0	111
Himley	10	2	3	4	0	95
Ashted Bank	10	2	0	8	0	84
Brockhampton	10	2	2	6	0	84
Halesowen	10	2	2	6	0	83

Division One

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Attok	10	5	3	1	0	162
WB Dartmouth	10	5	2	3	0	135
Covenry & N.W.H.	10	4	2	4	0	134
Berkswell	10	4	2	4	0	130
Tamworth	10	3	2	5	0	130
Old Elizabethans	10	4	3	2	0	126
Barnet Green	10	4	1	4	0	120
Walsall	10	4	0	5	0	113
Bromsgrove	10	3	1	5	0	105
Kidderminster	10	3	2	4	0	102
Smethwick	10	2	1	6	0	77

Division Two North

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Shrewsbury	10	9	1	0	0	212
Fordhouses	10	9	2	0	0	210
Newport	10	6	1	4	0	144
C & R Hawks	10	4	1	4	0	139
Brewod	10	4	3	3	0	125
Bridgnorth	10	3	3	3	0	115
Kenilworth W	10	2	2	5	0	113
Millfold Hall	10	3	2	4	1	112
Oswestry	10	3	1	3	2	102
Wellington	10	1	3	4	0	83
Lichfield	10	0	1	8	0	46

Division Two South

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wombourne	10	8	0	1	0	181
Nuneaton	10	7	0	3	0	167
Pershore	10	6	1	3	0	157
Stratford-u-Avon	10	6	0	3	0	147
Old Hill	10	6	0	4	0	142
Dorridge	10	4	1	4	0	128
Streely	10	4	1	5	0	116
Sutton Coldfield	10	4	0	5	0	111
Handsworth	10	4	0	5	0	108
Worce Nomads	10	3	0	7	0	92
Stourbridge	10	2	0	8	0	74
Barnards Green	10	1	0	9	0	57

Shropshire County Cricket League

Premier Division

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Whitchurch	10	1	0	1	0	1192
Worfield	10	6	2	0	1	1162
Quatt	10	7	1	0	0	1160
Brosley	10	5	2	1	0	1153
Wem	10	5	2	1	0	1151
Newtown	10	5	0	2	0	1146
St Georges	10	2	2	2	1	1139
Greenfield	10	2	2	2	1	1133
Madley	10	2	1	3	1	1132
Frankton	10	2	2	3	0	1132
Albington	10	0	0	4	0	89

Division 1

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Bomere Heath	10	8	0	0	0	2028
Cound	10	8	1	1	0	1944
Conderover	10	6	2	2	0	1436
Knockin & K	10	4	2	3	0	1148
Whitchurch	10	5	1	2	0	1137
Alberbury	10	3	2	4	0	1128
Shilton	10	4	0	5	0	1128
Wroxeter Grove	10	1	0	6	0	1027
Forton	10	1	0	7	0	77
Lliffelsh	10	0	0	10	0	58

Division 2

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Strollers, Hereford	10	6	2	2	0	1179
Alberbury	10	5	1	1	0	1155
Alberbury	10	4	2	2	0	1133
Moccas	10	4	2	2	0	1133
Garnons	10	4	3	1	0	1116
Ledbury	10	4	3	1	0	1111
Greenfield	10	2	3	0	0	1011
Burghill, T&W	10	4	5	0	0	97
Buith Wells	10	2	6	1	0	83
Canon Frome	10	1	4	1	0	65

Division 3

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Strollers, Hereford	10	6	2	2	0	1179
Alberbury	10	5	1	1	0	1155
Alberbury	10	4	2	2	0	1133
Moccas	10	4	2	2	0	1133
Garnons	10	4	3	1	0	1116
Ledbury	10	4	3	1	0	1111
Greenfield	10	2	3	0	0	1011
Burghill, T&W	10	4	5	0	0	97
Buith Wells	10	2	6	1	0	83
Canon Frome	10	1	4	1	0	65

Division 2

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Pontesbury	10	8	0	1	0	196
Alcott	10	6	1	2	0	191
Ellesmere	10	6	1	2	0	155
Shifnal	10	5	2	3	0	140
Prees	10	5	1	3	0	130
Wheaton Aston	10	4	1	5	0	115
Wiley	10	4	1	5	0	115
Shrewsbury	10	4	0	4	0	112
Church Aston	10	3	2	5	0	95
Bishops Castle	10	0	3	2	0	85
Wellington	10	0	3	2	0	75
Church Stretton	10	1	1	8	0	64

Division 3

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Hodnet, P&T	10	6	1	1	0	1164
Cas Glas	10	7	0	3	0	1163
Harpers	10	6	0	2	0	1160
Iscoyd & FB	10	5	1	4	0	1049
Ludlow	10	5	0	4	0	1140
Calverhall	10	5	1	3	0	1130
St Georges	10	4	0	6	0	1027
Chelmars	10	4	1	4	0	1021
Much Wenlock	10	4	1	4	0	1114
Trysull & Sealdon	10	3	0	6	0	1002
Acton Regard	10	1	0	9	0	90
Corvedale	10	2	0	6	0	87

Division 4

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Overton-on-Dee	9	6	3	0	0	1174
Bridgnorth	10	6	1	2	0	1164
Alcott	10	6	1	2	0	1160
Harpers	10	5	1	4	0	1049
Ludlow	10	5	0	4	0	1140
Calverhall	10	5	1	3	0	1130
St Georges	10	4	0	6	0	1027
Chelmars	10	4	1	4	0	1021
Much Wenlock	10	4	1	4	0	1114
Trysull & Sealdon	10	3	0	6	0	1002
Acton Regard	10	1	0	9	0	90
Corvedale	10	2	0	6	0	87

Division 5

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Overton-on-Dee	9	6	3	0	0	1174
Bridgnorth	10	6	1	2	0	1164
Alcott	10	6	1	2	0	1160
Harpers	10	5	1	4	0	1049
Ludlow	10	5	0	4	0	1140
Calverhall	10	5	1	3	0	1130
St Georges	10	4	0	6	0	1027
Chelmars	10	4	1	4	0	1021
Much Wenlock	10	4	1	4	0	1114
Trysull & Sealdon	10	3	0	6	0	1002
Acton Regard	10	1	0	9	0	90
Corvedale	10	2	0	6	0	87

Division 6

10	2	0	7	1	84
10	1	1	6	2	74
Division 2					
P	W	D	LC/A	P	
10	6	1	1	1	188
10	7	1	2	0	176
10	5	1	3	0	162
10	4	4	1	0	161
10	7	1	2	0	157
10	4	0	4	0	139
10	4	3	3	0	137
10	2	2	3	0	124

Bumper field for Henlle Park golf



Lady captain Pam Tattersall



Men's champion George Hughes

A RECORD number of 104 golfers took to the course for this year's highly successful Henlle Park Golf Club Championship.

The club's lady captain Pam Tattersall emerged the club champion and the mens champion was George Hughes.

Tennis team are unbeaten

A THIRD win of the season kept the men's second team of Oswestry Tennis Club well placed in the Shropshire League Division 5N.

Their latest victory was a 3-1 verdict at home to local rival club Crifftins.

In the first round rubbers, captain Dave Clough and partner Brett Holywell won in straight sets 6-4, 6-3 against the opposing first pair.

The second pair of Nick Elliott and partner Richard Hann took the first set 6-3 in their match, but then dropped the second set 2-6 before taking the deciding third set tie break 1-0 (10-8) to complete the round with Oswestry two rubbers to the good.

In the reverse rubbers, Clough and Holywell were again victorious when completing a double bagel over the second pair 6-0, 6-0, but the hosts were unable to secure a whitewash when Elliott and Hann succumbed to the Crifftins' first pair 2-6, 0-6.

Church A maintain pressure at top

CHURCH A stepped up the pressure on the leaders in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division two with an emphatic 8-2 (155-106) win over the club's B team.

Steve Williams notched his 11th win of the season to remain top of the second division averages when prevailing 21-13, while Brian Canlett and Ron Crooke were their best winners of the night to four and five respectively.

Victory sees the A team well placed in second, three points off leaders Cynwyd A.

Church B, who find themselves in the lower half of the table, responded through William Lewis (21-14)

and Pete Adams (21-15).

WESTON RHYN A, who are also chasing a swift return to division one, went down 7-3 (149-113) away to **ELLESMERE A** for whom John Harrison notched his 10th win of the season.

Harrison was one of three winners to five along with Doug McCoy and Mike Edwards, while Nathan Lewis (21-10) produced the best card for the visitors.

Ellesmere are now up to fifth in the table, with one time leaders Rhyn having now slipped to fourth.

Steve Jones (21-10) and Neil Jones (21-12) were the leading lights as third **LLANRHAEDR A** stayed in touching distance of the leaders after over-

coming **CRIFTTINS B** 7-3, taking the aggregate by 35 shots (148-113). The pick of the replies for the Duddleston Heath side came through Dave Jones (21-16).

Third bottom **GEORGE** ran out 6-4 (160-134) winners at home to **YE OLDE CROFTE A**, John Hughes taking the coppers to five while Wyn Parry was a 21-18 winner in reply.

WHITTINGTON B remain at the foot of the table despite their 8-2 (148-134) beating at home to basement rivals Llangynog A, Peter Humber (21-13) their best winner. The villagers have now closed the gap to one point on their visitors.

Atherton back in the saddle after injury

CYCLING by John Bridgwater

JUST four weeks after dislocating her shoulder, Rachel Atherton returned to action with a creditable fourth place in the UCI downhill Mountain Bike World Cup series in Andorra.

The reigning World downhill champion - who races for Trek Factory Racing GT - had missed the last two races through injury to dent hopes of retaining her crown, but showed all her bravery in her latest ride.

Visibly not pushing as hard as she usually does, Atherton still managed to narrowly miss the podium in finishing in fourth spot - an incredible feat for someone who's barely recovered from injury.

The Llanrhaeadr ace clocked a time of four minutes 59.664, finishing 8.68 seconds behind the winner, French rider Myriam Nicole (4:53.983) - the third different winner in the last three races of the series.

Runner-up was Brit Tahnee Seagrave 4:53.983 with Marine Cabirou (4:59.027) making the podium in third.

Trek Factory GT team director Dan Brown said: "There is so much weight on your shoulder on this track, so Rachel has done a minimum of practice runs, trying to look after her shoulder."

Amazing run

"You have to consider the strains that are going to be on her upper body. It sure is a tough one to be returning from injury."

In the event, Atherton put in an amazing run, bettering her qualification time by over 10 seconds. It wasn't enough to take the win, but on this showing she will be back on the podium soon.

"I'm stoked, that's more than I could have hoped for," said Atherton afterwards.

"Coming into this race today, I was not strong and not fit and was not confident. I didn't want to crash again, I couldn't push it for the win. I didn't want to take that risk now so I had to shift the goals,

"I didn't expect to podium but it was important for me to not fall outside the top ten."

After a flying start to the season, Atherton saw her record breaking run come to an end after suffering a dislocated shoulder during a practice run in Fort William in Scotland.

The series now moves to Lenzerheide in Switzerland for the fifth round on Sunday.

Ade and Kelly team up for title



Mixed Pairs final protagonists at Church (from left) winners Ade Humphreys & Kelly Richardson, League President John Hughes, Brian Canlett of the host club, and runners-up Jane & Kieran Jones

ADE HUMPRHEYS and **Kelly Richardson** have built on their fine records in the Oswestry League's Mixed Pairs by winning it again.

Winners of this and other league titles, they had never won the Mixed Pairs together - until Sunday.

That's when they teamed up at Church BC and ended the day by beating mother and son, Jane and Kieran Jones of Llanymynech, in the final.

"The competition was played

on the wonderfully manicured Church club bowling green and a good field of 31 enjoyed a great day's bowling in Oswestry," said league comps chief Trevor Roberts.

"Winners Ade Humphreys and Kelly Richardson (Chirk/Johnstown) beat Chirk pair Kara Jones and Jamie Waugh in their semi-final.

"The game of the day though was the second semi in which youngster Keira Edwards of Johnstown and Weston Rhyn's

Derek Taylor narrowly lost to Jane Edwards and Shropshire junior Kieran after a great comeback.

"The final was a close encounter for the first half-a-dozen ends before the excellent lead bowling of Kelly gave them the platform to pull clear, from six across, and run out worthy winners."

And that burst denied Kieran a second title in the month, having recently won the Tanners Shropshire League's Under-18 singles for the Harold Kaye Trophy.

On-a-roll Candlin is a winner again

BOWLS by John Bridgwater

following an opening day defeat.

They are now above Llangollen A and Chirk A who both suffered 6-4 losses to Corwen A and Ruabon A respectively.

One place behind Llanymynech in sixth spot are **WHITTINGTON A** who were without any game.

CRIFTTINS A eased their basement worries after sweeping aside rock bottom Flexsys A 8-2, taking the shots by 27 (151-124). Andrew Jones led the way to nine.

BLACK LION maintained their challenge in di-

vision three after pulling off an emphatic 8-2 (168-116) home success against Crifftins C.

Mark Jones proved too hot to handle with a 21-5 triumph while Jeff Seagar won to 10. Lion are in third spot, five points off top spot.

Despite a 21-6 card from Gareth Davies, **FOX LANE** succumbed 8-2 (145-86) away to Bersham to remain in the lower half of the table.

LLANMYNECH B are four points clear at the top of division four after a thumping 9-1 (167-110) rout of close rivals Ifton.

Jack Worden (21-7) and Jane Jones (21-8) set up the win while Aaron Roberts gained a 21-20 consolation for the St Martins visitors.

The latest returns from Shropshire golf clubs

HAWKSTONE PARK

June Medal Division 1: Cliff Tweed 82-14c=68; Mark Harrington 80-10c=70; Tim Jones 77-5c=72; Division 2: Robin Mackness 88-18c=72; Paul Tili 92-17c=75; Chris Smith 95-20c=75.

Mixed Weston Coasters: Richard & Val Jones-Roberts 72-6; David & Pamela Hiles 74-4; Stuart & Pauline Smith 74-6; Rowly & Sharon Jones 75-2.

Ladies' Captains Day Prize Winner: Louisa Goff 35pts. Division 1: F. Nutt 32pts; C. Apperley 32pts; J. Wales 32pts; Division 2: C. Greaves 34pts; K. Thorneycroft 28pts; H. Smith 28pts. Best Gross: Molly Moore 33pts. Nearest The Pin (3rd Hole): Elaine Brown.

Seniors' Walker Cup Round 3: Steve Ractliffe 38pts; Nigel Chester 38pts; Colin Ditty 37pts.

Organisers Cup: Bill English 43pts; Cyril Ashley 41pts; Michael Shortman 40pts.

Juniors' June Stableford: Thomas Welch 43 off 18.3; Ted Blanch 37 off 21.1; Carys Tunc 33 off 23.4.

June Medal: Ted Bache 91-21c=70; Thomas Welch 89-15c=74.

HENLE PARK

Club Championships (Gross): George Hughes (Club Champion) 150; Pete Grimley 154; Mark Evans 155. Net Champion: D S Jones 133 net; David Butler 137 net; John M Evans 142 net (cb). 18 Holes (Gross): Tom Mills 76 (cb); David Hughes 76; Jeremy Hughes 77. Net: Matthew Brown 67 net; Mike A Jones 68 net; Robby Clark 69. Gross: Ryan Morris 81; Kev Lloyd 82; Brad Edwards 83 (cb). Net: John Dimelow 70 net; Ken McLean-Ingilis 71 (cb); Jeremy Rose 71.

Dave Salter 9 Hole Comp: Geoff Gill 21pts; Rob Smith 20pts; D Graham 19pts (19).

Ladies' Championship (Gross): Lady Captain Pam Tattersall (Lady Club Champion) 172; Runner Up: Kathy Evans 191. Net Champion: Michaela Pugh-Jones 144 net; Runner Up: Ellie Potts 145 net. Gross (Sat): Viv Davies 92. Net: Ellie Potts 74 net. Gross (Sun): Di Edwards 92. Net: Anne-Marie Stott 95 net.

Beryl Aubrey Trophy: Jill Andrews 35pts (cb); Barbara Brain 35pts; Ellie Potts 34pts; Dawn Lawlor 32pts. Nearest The Pin: Lady Captain Pam Tattersall. Queen of the Greens: Anne-Marie Stott.

LLANMYNECH

Midweek League (9 Hole Stableford): Simon Pugh 25pts; John Turner 23; Basil Crifftins 19; Andy M Williams 19; Don Bradley 18; Allan Stanistreet 18; Martyn Smith 18; Harvey Stringer 18; Dave Caldwell 18.

Norman Logsdail Jubilee Tray: Alan E Williams 79-14=65; Dave Collins 77-11=66; Martyn Smith 80-11=69; Ray Sherrat 82-13=69; James Jones 93-23=70; Gary Roberts 84-13=71; Huw Lloyd-Jones 92-21=71; James Clewlow 78-6=72; Simon Pugh 88-16=72; Keith Jones 89-17=72.

Coronation Cup: Lionel Lee 81-18=63; Daron Whiteford 79-14=65; Dave E Jones 80-14=66; Simon Pugh 82-16=66; Sam Jones 85-17=68; Phil Anderson 89-21=68; David Hughes 85-17=68; Jason Bailey 76-7=69; Terry Barlow 87-17=70.

Midweek League (9 Hole Stableford): Simon Pugh 22pts; Gary Pugh 21; Adam Clewlow 21; Dean Peters 21; Alun Lloyd 21; Dave E Jones 21; Jack Bottomley 20.

Ladies' Club Championships - Mary Roberts Salver (Best Gross) Winner: Ann Weetman 73; Runner Up: Carol Griffiths 80.

Pant Bowl (Best Nett) Winner: Paula Worden 88-19=69; Runner Up: Gail Roberts 99-29=70.

Bronze Plate (Best Nett H/C 21+): Winner: Gail Roberts 99-29=70; Runner Up: Joan Brice 100-29=71.

MILE END

Lady Captains Day Men's Winners: John Parry 43pts; Ron Pugh 42pts; Michael Tisdale 40pts. Nearest The Pin (7th Hole): Stuart Ball 22cm. Nearest The Pin (16th Hole): Dave Smith 2m 85cm.

Neil Garrett Pairs Gross Winners: James Davies & Steve Henderson 68; Runners Up: Ben Hampson & Joe Wildblood 68. Nett Winners: Paul Davies & Daniel Weaver 57; Runners Up: Brian Davies & Colin Wildblood 60. Nearest The Pin: Rob Wade 98cm.

Ladies' Lady Captains Day: Shirley Thomas 34pts; Janice Turner 34pts; Di Bradbury 30pts. Nearest The Pin (3rd Hole): Janet Edwards 5ft 11". Nearest The Pin (16th Hole): Di Bradbury 2m 53cm. Guest Prize: Carol Bradbury.

Stableford: Janet Bennett 42pts; Sue O'Connor 40pts; Janice Turner 36pts.

Seniors' Vernon & Eileen Jones Winner: Barry Lingard 44pts; Runners Up: Peter Bailey 42pts; Tony Easthope 40pts.

OSWESTRY

Thursday Medal: Rob Williams 75-12=63; Anthony Harrison 76-10=66; Paul Taylor 83-13=70; Daniel Potts 83-12=71 (cb); Graham Wynn 91-20=71; Chris Hughes 93-21=72. Best Gross: Rob Williams 75.

Club Championship 2017 (36 Holes Medal) Winner: Paul Taylor 143.

Artisier Coronation Bowl (18 Holes AM): Barry Woonnam 74-7=67; Mike Rooke 76-6=70 (cb); Simon Punter 77-7=70; Martin Jones 76-5=71.

Paries Williams Putter (18 Holes PM): Adam Williams 84-18=66; Jack Taylor 73-5=68 (cb); Daniel Potts 80-12=68 (cb).

Bradley Bowl (36 Hole Combined Nett Score): Barry Woonnam 136; Mark Williams 142; Joe Poole 143.

Smith Carrington Cup (36 Hole Scratch): Jon Lawes 147 (74-73); Paul Pardoe 149 (77-72); James Hampson 150 (75-75).

Ladies' Millennium Trophy: Jo Davies, Tessa Hyde 65; Eileen Aubrey, Margaret Lynch 66 (card play off); Kath Jones, Gail Roberts 66; Marie Male, Dorothy Mottram 68 (card play off); Margaret Brogden, M Batho 68.

9 Hole Competition Millennium - 4 Ball B&T: Division 2: Peter Fairbank 93-22=71; Ian Davies 89-18=71.

Midweek Stableford: Terry Brough 40pts; Keith Abbott 39; Brian Studdart 38.

Montgomery on the march after another super victory

MONTGOMERY continue to go from strength to strength after reeling off another win to climb into the top half of the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division one.

After struggling in the opening few weeks of the season following their promotion, Monty are fast becoming the form team after sweeping aside Condober by 57 runs for their latest success.

James Corfield led the way with 114 and opener Andrew Barker weighed in with 66 at the other end in third wicket partnership of 190 to help their side to an imposing 258-4 off 45 overs.

Skipper Sam Williams maintained the momentum with an unbeaten 33 late on, while Matthew Farr took 2-43 for the Shrewsbury side.

Condoler made a good start in reply through openers Mike Rogers (30) and Dougie Farr (57), but the Monty bowlers kept chipping away before restricting their opponents to 201-9 in their 45 overs.

Corfield completed an excellent day's work with 3-25 and Rob Yewdall chipped in with 2-28 as Monty claimed 21 points to maintain their rise.

High-flying **MONTGOMERY II** are 12 points clear at the top of the Shropshire League 2nd XI League divine two after a 71-run win away to Beacon II.

It proved a low scoring affair at Shrewsbury's Frankwell with Monty limited to 142-9 in their 40 overs, with Patrick Wilding (51) and Jack Williams (45) holding the innings together.

Beacon's batting subsided for just 71 in reply as Harry Wilkinson picked up impressive figures of 6-26 from 11 overs to help seal 24 points.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY shaded a tight encounter at Wroxeter Grove by 13 runs to consolidate their top five position in division one of the Shropshire League.

Runs were hard to come by as they were bowled out for 150 in the 41st over, yet 35 extras the top scorer while Liam Tucker provided the best contribution with the bat on 29. Joe Brown took 3-24.

Tucker then impressed with ball, taking 4-25 off eight overs

Frankton are put to flight by Sparrow

FRANKTON continue to flirt with the basement pack in the Shropshire League premier division after suffering a 62-run loss to Ludlow at Hardwick Park.

Put in to bat, Ludlow profited to the tune of 272-9 in 50 overs, with Sam Roberts crashing 87 and captain Will Sparrow 57, while there were two wickets apiece for Abdullah Asif, Stuart Lammie and Richard Parry-Jones.

In reply, Frankton were soon in trouble as they lost both openers cheaply, but Scott Hale led a recovery with 69.

Wicketkeeper Jordan Parry also weighed in with 48 at six and Asif a lively 35 late on, but the home side fell well short on 210 with seven overs to spare. Sparrow took 4-39 and Bryan Leighton 4-43 to clinch victory for the south Shropshire visitors.

FRANKTON II stayed hard on the heels of the leaders in the 2nd XI League division one with a thrilling one wicket win away to their Couind counterparts.

Cound had posted 181-7, Matt Jones top scoring with 51 and Kenny Hamer finishing 38 not out, while George Austin was the pick of the bowlers with 4-42.

Can Jones led the Frankton chase with 67, Tom Cockayne weighed in with 37 before Richard Lammie (10no) saw the visitors home after a flurry of late wickets.

Oswestry beaten for first time this year

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

AFTER a flying start to the season, Oswestry tasted defeat for the first time in the Birmingham Cricket League division two as they slipped to a six-wicket home defeat at the hands of Fordhouses.

The visitors outplayed their hosts in all departments at Morda Road to end their unbeaten record – but Oswestry remain 22 points clear of their conquerors at the top of the table.

Oswestry's total of 203-9 on a batsman-friendly wicket never seemed likely to trouble the visitors, and an opening stand of 131 between Niall Cooper (84) and Shaoib Akhtar (50) put the game firmly in the visitors' grasp.

Former captain Mark Robinson, who led the club to three promotions in five seasons from 2009, was himself the pick of the Oswestry attack, with his marathon 17-over spell yielding 2-62.

Earlier in the game, Oswestry's batsmen threw wickets away with a series of rash shots as they failed to post a challenging target in ideal conditions.

Skipper Robbie Clarke (48), Warrick Fynn (42) and Alun Morris (36) all looked set for big scores, but were out carelessly.

"We knew at tea we were probably 80 runs short and so it proved," said Mark Robinson.

"We didn't bat, bowl or field very well, and Fordhouses fully deserved to win.

"We were always going to lose a game at some stage, and perhaps a little complacency was creeping in.

Wake-up call

"I'm sure the defeat will give us a real wake-up call going into this Saturday's game against another strong side in Wombourne.

"Without exception, we're all going to have to improve – but it's not all doom and gloom.

"We're still 22 points clear at the top, and nearly twice that ahead of third place."

OSWESTRY II were well beaten by eight wickets at the hands of their Fordhouses counterparts in the Birmingham 2nd XI League.

Only skipper Steve Humphreys (23) stayed long at the crease as Oswestry were bowled out for just 75 and Fordhouses reached their target at 76-2 in just 13 overs.

Elsewhere, **OSWESTRY III** conceded their game against Harcourt in the Shropshire League division four, while the fourths were just edged out in a high-scoring thriller at Pontesbury III in the Shropshire Sunday League division two.

Jim Phillips (68), Owen Aspinall (57) and Iwan Roberts (36) helped Oswestry to 260-9 in their 40 overs, but Pontesbury reached 261-4, the winning runs coming off the game's penultimate ball.

Oswestry complete their first-half fixtures with a trip to Wombourne on Saturday, while the seconds are at home to Sentinel Seconds (12.30).

The third team visit Allscott II on Saturday, and the fourths travel to Wellington sixths on Sunday

Record night in Time Trial series



Neil Coles - the fastest Paragon rider in the 19-mile event

TWO course records were broken as Oswestry Paragon Cycling club reached the halfway mark of its evening time trial series with the option of either 10 or 19-mile events.

With the 19-mile event also forming part of the season long SB points series for Shropshire riders, there was always going to be plenty of competition with a 19-strong field tackling the longer route.

Two course bests were set despite tough conditions, with Mid Shropshire Wheelers' Howard Lewis making the most of his local knowledge to notch one of these.

Ellesmere-based Lewis shaved six seconds off Josh Williams' 2014 benchmark, battling through a tough headwind which affected the Ellesmere-Whittington leg of the course - already a challenge thanks to having to climb to Welsh Frankton in both

directions.

Lewis set an impressive time of 42 minutes 19 seconds to take the overall win by over a minute.

"I'm super happy," he said. "It was a windy night and a challenging course, but I paced my effort well, and managed to lift it slightly in the final couple of miles when I realised the record was within reach."

Getting closest to Lewis' record was Hafren CC's Bryn Davies who finished 1:03 back from Lewis in 43:22.

Davies was also pleased with his efforts, commenting: "I'm pretty happy with that. A windy night, but I still managed a personal best. I paced it well, but it was a rapid time by Howard! Thanks to Oswestry Paragon for a great night's racing."

In third spot was 43:57 Stuart Proctor of Revolutions Racing who said afterwards: "It was pretty windy, the return leg from

Ellesmere was a brutal. I kept seeing Howard close behind on my exit from both roundabouts which spurred me on.

"Cramp from Gobowen didn't help, but really pleased with a sub-44 having not done the course before. Thanks to all at Oswestry Paragon."

With extra point's available for the Paragon's points series, the next five places were filled by Paragon riders, with Neil Coles who came up with the idea of the 19-mile course coming home fastest of the group finishing fourth overall in 48:58.

Glyn Jones struggled with cramp on the climb back up The Brow but still finished in a commendable 49:27.

Darrell Walsh was another rider to have problems but his were mechanical with time lost to his chain coming off on the return leg from Ellesmere before crossing the line in 50:12.

Shropshire Cricket Lge fixtures at the weekend

Saturday

Premier Division

Brosley v Quatt; Newtown v Frankton; Ludlow v Wern; Albrighton v Madeley; Worfield v Market Drayton; St Georges v Whitchurch.

Division One

Knockin & Kinnerley v Montgomery; Alberbury v Welshpool; Cound v Bomere Heath; Shelton v Lilleshall; Beacon v Wroxeter Grove; Condober v Forton.

Division Two

Church Aston v Allscott; Ellesmere v Wellington 3; Pontesbury v Pres; Bishop's Castle v Church Stretton; Shrewsbury 3 v Willey; Shifnal 3 v Wheaton Aston.

Division Three

St Georges 3 v Chelmarsh; Calverhall v Iscoid & Fenns Bank; Harpers v Cae Glas; Ludlow 3 v Corvedale; Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton v Acton Reynald; Much Wenlock v Trysull & Seisdon.

Division Four

Overton on Dee v Bridgnorth 3; Allscott 2 v Oswestry 3; Harcourt v Wroxeter Grove 3; Llanidloes v Cotton Hall; Quayside v Hinstock.

Second Teams

Division One

Frankton 2 v Alberbury 2 (1pm); Madeley 2 v Shelton 2; Quatt 2 v Knockin & Kinnerley 2 (1pm); Wern 2 v Cound 2; Wroxeter Grove 2 v Worfield 2; Knockin & Kinnerley 2 v Alberbury 2 (3pm); Whitchurch 2 v St Georges 2.

Division Two

Albrighton 2 v Bomere Heath 2; Brosley 2 v Market Drayton 2; Forton 2 v Newtown 2; Iscoid & Fenns Bank 2 v Pontesbury 2; Lilleshall 2 v Condober 2; Montgomery 2 v Shifnal 4; Wellington 4 v Ludlow 2; Willey 2 v Beacon 2.

Division Three

Acton Reynald 2 v Beacon 3; Cae Glas 2 v Allscott 3; Corvedale 2 v Bishops Castle 2; Lilleshall 4 v Much Wenlock 2; Quatt 3 v St Georges 4; Welshpool 2 v Ellesmere 2.

Sunday

Sunday Division One

Sentinel 3 v Knockin & Kinnerley 3; Frankton 3 v Newport 3; Cound 3 v Bomere Heath 3; Alberbury 3 v Worfield 3; Lilleshall 3 v Wern 3; Whitchurch 3 v Wellington 5.

Sunday Division Two

Shrewsbury 4 v Ludlow 4; Pontesbury 3 v Madeley 4; Wellington 6 v Oswestry 4; Madeley 3 v Market Drayton 3; Knockin & Kinnerley 4 v Bridgnorth 4.

Mitchell hits superb ton in Ellesmere win

JONATHAN Mitchell was the ton-up star as Ellesmere staged a stunning run chase to maintain their promotion pursuit in the Henshalls Shropshire League division two with a seven wicket win at Wheaton Aston.

Chasing 240-4 in 45 overs, they made light work of the target to win with 13 overs remaining. Opening bat Mitchell hit a terrific unbeaten 124, with support at the other end coming from fellow opener Kieran Barry (51) and Tristan Lloyd (41).

ELLESMERE II were also up for the chase as they secured a thrilling four wicket win over Lilleshall IV to remain well placed among the leading pack in the 2nd XI League division three.

Ash Kumar cracked an unbeaten 100 as Lilleshall set a target of 190-8 in their 40 overs. Excellent contributions from Carl Ayling (41), Troy Newton (43), Ryan Newton (34no) and skipper Jason Wirdnam (45no) then clinched the win off the very last ball.

Super Sam is star turn

ANOTHER fine all round display from Sam Griffiths helped Guilsfield to a 37-run victory away to Bridgnorth III to stay in the promotion mix in the Shropshire League division four.

Put in to bat first, Griffiths led the way at the top of the order by hitting 65 as Guilsfield posted 189-9 in their 40 overs. Griffiths then struck with the ball in Bridgnorth's reply, removing both openers on his way to figures of 2-19 off eight overs.

Although Niall McAdam held firm with an unbeaten 49, Bridgnorth were sent back for 162, with David Harris taking 3-33.

Wobbling Glas in back-to-back defeats

CRICKEY by John Bridgwater

partnership had been built with Ben Hipkiss who. on his return to the first team, hit an aggressive 29. Gary Davies (27 not out) and George Jones (11 not out) also contributed positively with the bat to post a score for the home side of 191-5.

With runs on the board, Cae Glas needed to keep the run rate down, but the Ludlow opening batsmen had other ideas and were soon going at seven runs an over.

The Glas did stem the runs temporarily but Ashley, who came to crease with two wickets down, started positively and continued throughout his top score of 86.

However, he fell to one of the best catches seen in recent years at Gatacre, by Pete Bowyer, who ran round the boundary edge and took a one-handed diving catch for his dismissal.

This galvanised the home side and with the introduction of Barry Vaughan, took some quick wickets to put the game on a knife's edge.

However, Ludlow's latter batsmen saw their side through a nervy last few overs before eventually

reaching the winning target of 192 with eight wickets down.

The Cae Glas bowlers all chipped in with Barry Vaughan (3-6) the pick, supported by Gary Davies (2-17) and a wicket apiece for George Jones, Andy Hughes and Nick Broadbent

Next up for Cae Glas is another top of the table clash away at Harpers on Saturday as they look to get back to winning ways.

There was also a defeat for **CAE GLAS II** who slipped to an 82-run loss to Bishop Castle II whose batsmen rediscovered their form in the 2nd XI League division three.

After being skittled for just 39 the week before, Castle capitalised after being put in to bat as they racked up 262-7 in 40 overs, Tom Howard hitting 102 and Simon Palmer 45 not out.

Nathan Bertram took 2-26 and Danny Percy 2-35, but for most part it was a tough day for the bowlers.

Percy made a stubborn 71 not out at the top of the order for Glas, but was the only player to pass 20 as the visitors finished on 180-6 to return with just seven points. Mark Jones was the most successful of the bowlers with 3-47 and Tom Howard 2-18.

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Oswestry in the mood to bounce back

OSWESTRY will hope to cast aside a rare off day when they head to Wombourne in the Birmingham Cricket League division two on Saturday (midday).

The early leaders suffered their first defeat in 10 outings - which included eight wins - when comfortably defeated by six wickets at home to title rivals Fordhouses last weekend.

They now face another tricky excursion to fifth placed Wombourne, and will be chasing a swift reprieve against their Staffordshire hosts to keep their title pursuit on course.

Despite tasting their first defeat, the Morda Road side remain 22 points clear of their conquerors at the top of the second division table.

But they will need to be wary of Wombourne who themselves will also want to bounce back after suffering a shock nine wicket defeat to bottom club Old Hill.

The scenario is similar to that of Fordhouses who came into their game against Oswestry on the back of a nine wicket hammering at the hands of Sutton Coldfield after being shot out for just 76. So the leaders will be looking for a positive response after their total of 203-9 on a batsman-friendly wicket never seemed likely to trouble the visitors.

"We didn't bat, bowl or field very well, and Fordhouses fully deserved to win," said stalwart Mark Robinson.

"We were always going to lose a game at some stage, and perhaps a little complacency was creeping in. I'm sure the defeat will give us a real wake-up call going into this Saturday's game against another strong side in Wombourne.

"Without exception, we're all going to have to improve - but it's not all doom and gloom. We're still 22 points clear."

Meanwhile, Oswestry batsman Joe Carrasco hit 59 to help Shropshire to a healthy 103-run first innings lead over Oxfordshire in the Unicorns MCCA Championship.

Replying to 280-7, they forged ahead on 383-9 in their 90 overs, before reducing the home side to 63-3 in their second innings at the end of the second day.

Gulls face Newtown in a Friday friendly

GUILDSFIELD open their pre-season with an appetising home friendly against Welsh Premier side Newtown at Clos Mytton on Friday night (7.45).

It promises to be an early test for the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance hosts who have looked in good shape since being back in training for the past fortnight.

"Newtown have made a lot of changes during the summer. It will be interesting to see how they get on, but they will be fit and sharp and it is always a good game," said Gulls boss Nathan Leonard.

Sam Litchfield has left the Gulls to join Friday's visitors Newtown, but his position in the heart of defence has been filled with the arrival of ex-Buckley Town centre half Joel Haack.

The 6ft 4ins Australian will link up

SAINTS WIN A EURO THRILLER

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints kept their flag flying in the UEFA Champions League after fighting back to clinch a thrilling 3-1 extra-time win over FC Europa in the second leg at Estadio Algarve.

Trailing 2-1 from the first leg at Park Hall, the Saints turned it around in an incident packed tie in Portugal against the men from Gibraltar to progress 4-3 on aggregate.

Scott Quigley scored twice to add to his goal from the first leg, while Europa's lack of discipline saw them have two players sent off on the hour mark.

TNS manager Scott Ruscoe praised his side's belief as they set up a trip to Croatian champions HNK Rijeka in the second qualifying round next Tuesday.

"Every single player played their part," he said. "A lot of people had written us off, but we kept believing in what we do,

"We changed our shape, and I thought we were brilliant in the first half. We stifled them, had good chances, and to go in a half time 2-0 up was a fantastic effort.

"We were a little disrupted in the second half when they went down to nine men, but I always felt we would score again."

Two strikes in four minutes late in the first half through a Moya Tornay own goal and Scott Quigley had TNS 2-0 up on the night in Portugal.

Sending off

The Gibraltarians were level on aggregate soon after the break through a controversial Liam Walker penalty, but were reduced to nine men just inside the hour following a double sending off as striker Kike Gomez and midfielder Alex Quillo both saw red.

Gomez was red-carded for a stamp on Ryan Pryce on 58 minutes and midfielder Quillo was sent off for his second booking in a minute for comments made to Belgian referee Lawrence Visser.

Although Europa sat deep and took the tie into extra time, the Saints finally found a way through with Quigley netting his second of the game with a terrific low shot.

It was also a big night for TNS skipper and goalkeeper Paul Harrison who set a new Welsh Premier record for appearances in Europe when donning the gloves for a 32nd time.

The Saints made one tactical change, with centre forward Wes Fletcher coming in to join Quigley up front, with wingman Adrian Cieslewicz dropping down to the bench.

Titans hope to rule the world



The successful Ellesmere Titans swimming-squad

TEN junior swimmers from Ellesmere College will look to dazzle in the pool this summer when they compete for medals in a number of World and European championships.

The swimming club, established in 2008, is now one of best-represented clubs in the region after going from strength to strength.

The Titans compete in the National Arena Premier League and swimmers have enjoyed unprecedented success at county, regional and national level - and their swimmers now look to make a splash this summer.

Lining up alongside the likes of Olympic 100 metres breaststroke champion Adam Peaty will be this year's 'British Emerging Swimmer of the Year' Freya Anderson (16) and European Junior Silver Medallist Connor Ferguson (17) who will be heading to Budapest this July for the 17th Fina Senior World Championships.

Both swimmers will also be on the plane to Indianapolis (USA) in August with fellow European Junior Champion, Tazmin Pugh, and British National Age Group Champion, 17-year-old Cassie Wild-Richards to compete in the sixth FINA World Junior Swimming Championships.

Former European Olympic Junior medallist Ellie Southward (15) and World Junior Open Water Medallist, 16-year-old Phoebe Griffiths will be competing at the European Juniors in July before the European Youth Olympic Festival in Hungary where Charlie Hutchinson (15) Adam Metcalf (15) and National Age Group Champion (50m & 100m fly) Pia Murray (15) will be vying for gold.

Meanwhile, 17-year-old Joseph Small will be heading off to the sixth edition of the Commonwealth Youth Olympics where the likes of Jessica Ennis-Hill, Beth Tweddle and Tom Daley received their first experience of a multi-sport event.

Titans swimming Coach Alan Bircher said: "I've come to expect the unexpected when it comes to this group of amazing swimmers.

"I always look for a team that work together rather than being dictated too and these rewards just show us that the partnership and bond between the coach and swimmer is at an all-time high. "I could not be prouder of what every single swimmer has achieved already this season. But we now have a very busy summer ahead and the expectation will raise again!"

Town suffer pre-season Liver defeat

FC Oswestry Town launched their pre-season schedule with a 4-0 defeat at the hands of an impressive Liver Academy in their opening friendly at Park Hall.

It was a chance for the management team of Richard Williams-Cooke and Ryan Butcher to run the rule over the entire squad that included a raft of new signings.

And they found their Liverpool County League visitors, who recently won the BT Pub Cup, too hot to handle in the July sunshine.

Colin Parkinson headed the first on 25 minutes from a Chris Noon cross, and keeper Mike Hughes was beaten a second time seven minutes later as Luke Mason broke through to fire in from 20 yards.

Town changed their entire starting line-up in the second half, but went 3-0 down on 50 minutes when Steven Janny found the net despite offside claims before Parkinson completed the scoring in the last minute of normal time with his second goal of the game.

It was a disappointing result, but Town will look to take positives against impressive opponents as they continue to step up their preparations for the North West Counties League division one season which gets underway on August 12.

Town's second pre-season game is a home fixture against Cheshire side Middlewich Town on Saturday (3pm), before visiting Chester Nomads the following Saturday for a 10.30am kick off.

ST MARTINS open their pre-season with a friendly away to Market Drayton Town next Tuesday, July 11 as they prepare for the West Midlands League division one which gets underway on Saturday, August 5.

They visit Ellesmere Rangers the week after before hosting Whitchurch Alport in the Derek Stokes Trophy at Park Hall on Friday, July 21.

Ifon win – but still prop up the division

IFTON remain at the foot of the Salop Leisure Shropshire Premier Bowling League table despite notching a timely 10-4 home victory over Chester Road.

Having lost away 12-2 to the Roaders just two days before, it was swift revenge for the St Martins side who took the aggregate by 37 shots (226-189).

But, despite a welcome win with an improved performance, they are still three points adrift of Hanmer at the basement as they prepare for a testing home encounter with high flying Castlefields on Friday night.

Two days before, Ifon had suffered a hefty 12-2 reverse away to Chester Road, losing the aggregate by 83 shots (243-160).

The St Martins side returned with just two winners, Rocky Jones their best of the night with a 21-13 verdict.

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